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Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor 2013 Annual Campaign exceeds set goals

Mimi B. Weisberg, special to the WJN

Ron Perry and Michael Pedersen, 2013 Annual Campaign co-chairs, have a great deal to celebrate, but the true winner of the 2013 Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor Annual Campaign is the Jewish community of Greater Ann Arbor

"The Federation is unique in that it continually strives to support needed social and educational services, while also spearheading new and innovative programming," states Perry. "I am proud of the success of the recent campaign which speaks to the community's support of Federation's efforts. We also have a top notch staff and volunteers that have executed a highly efficient and motivating campaign."

Through Perry and Pedersen's perseverance, patience and winning strategies, the campaign has exceeded $1,410,000—9 percent above the 2012 campaign—for the first time since 2010. Under the guidance of Perry and Pedersen, 8 captains and 55 solicitors were encouraged to ask community members for 20 percent increases. Pedersen said, "It is exciting for me to be a part of the wonderful things the Federation is doing here in Ann Arbor to build our Jewish community. This year's campaign results prove to me how the community believes in what the Federation is doing. My thanks to all the people who contributed time and resources to make it happen."

Ron Perry and Michael Pedersen, campaign co-chairs

These remarkable solicitors worked tirelessly to reach the goals set by Federation Executive Director David Shtulman. Shtulman notes, "The terrific community response to the Annual Campaign shows the continuing strong commitment to Jewish life in Ann Arbor and all the agencies that contribute to it. As a result, our entire network of agencies will have additional resources to work with next year."

Patricia and Michael Levine provided a catalyst for success in August, 2012 by creating a Challenge Grant of $25,000—the Levines promised to give one dollar for every dollar that the Federation increased up to $25,000. Donors were motivated by this Challenge Grant and the Federation met the match by November 1, 2012.

Shtulman challenged the campaign co-chairs to not only grow campaign dollars but also the number of new donors to the campaign. He asked for 100 new donors. Perry, Pedersen and the entire Campaign Cabinet took the challenge and grew the campaign by adding 250 new donors.

Women's Philanthropy has had a very special year, as well. Through individual women's gifts, the campaign experienced growth with six additional Pomegranates (women who give $1,800+ annually) and two Lions of Judah ($5,000+ annually). Carol Amster, lead women's solicitor, was thrilled by the response that she experienced when contacting women. "The response confirmed for me that women's giving is important for the expression of an individual's commitment and the example set that every 'one' must be involved." Women's Philanthropy is an embracing arm of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor which creates programs for women as a way to outreach, engage, network, educate, fundraise and build Jewish community. It accounted for $235,500 of the total campaign.

Perry and Pedersen will continue in a supporting role for the 2014 Annual Campaign co-chairs Steve Gerber, Sam Hirsch, and Renee Pinsky. For more information about the campaign, contact Mimi Weisberg at mimi@jewishannarbor.org. ■

Maimonides Symposium on breast cancer

Jonathan D. Trobe, MD, special to the WJN

Early detection of cancer should translate into lives saved. That may be true, but it is not that simple. Recent studies show that screening does not always prolong life. Even more important, screening may add to suffering by bringing on unnecessary and even harmful tests and treatments in patients whose cancers were never destined to hurt them. So when it worthwhile?

Mark Pearlman, MD

Rodney Hayward, MD

On Sunday morning, June 16, the local Maimonides Society will address this hot-button issue in a symposium at the Kellogg Eye Center entitled "The Cancer Screening Dilemma." The speakers are world-class experts on this topic. They are Mark Pearlman, MD, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, University of Michigan School of Medicine, and Rodney Hayward, MD, professor of internal medicine, U-M School of Medicine; and professor of health policy and management, U-M School of Public Health. Dr. Pearlman is the senior author of the 2011 breast cancer screening guidelines of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Hayward has

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Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan at JCC

Noreen De Young, special to the WJN

Each year the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan spends a day entertaining and educating the campers at Camp Raanana, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's summer day camp for children entering grades K-8. The evening before spending the day at camp, the Israel Scouts will perform for the entire community at the JCC. The Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan is part of a larger delegation of approximately 100 teenage scouts who travel to North America each summer to represent the land of Israel. Using song, dance, and storytelling, the Israel Scouts celebrate the Jewish heritage and bring the sights and sounds of Israel to life. This summer the Israel Scouts will entertain the crowd with a free performance at the JCC on Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. The evening will start at 6 p.m. with an optional pizza dinner. The cost for the pizza dinner is $5 per person. Reservations for the dinner are required by Monday, July 15. Registration forms will be available at www.jccannarbor.org and at the JCC.

Israel Scouts, 2012

Host families are needed to host the members of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan for two nights, Thursday, July 18 and Friday, July 19. If you are interested in hosting, contact Noreen De Young at noreendeyoung@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

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written authoritatively on screening for a wide variety of cancers.

Sponsored by Interim Health Care, the event will begin with brunch at 9 a.m. Attendance is free. Register in advance at www.jewishannarbor.org or by telephoning Cindy Adams at 677-0100. The Kellogg Eye Center is located at 1000 Wall Street.

By way of a preview, I phoned both speakers and asked them the kinds of questions they can expect from the audience. Here is what they said:

Dr. Pearlman

WJN: Why are some experts questioning the value of mammography?

Dr. Pearlman: It is not perfect. That is, it picks up only 80 percent to 90 percent of breast cancer. The denser the breast tissue, the lower the pick-up rate. The other problem is that in up to 10 percent of cases, mammography detects abnormalities that prove to be benign rather than cancerous. Given its cost and the morbidity and anxiety associated with a lot of "false-positive" diagnoses, and our concern about limited health care resources, people are wondering if it is really worthwhile.

WJN: The United States Preventive Task Force on Breast Cancer recently recommended that for women at average risk of developing breast cancer, mammography screening should be performed every other year after age 50, whereas Secretary of State Kathleen Sibelius recommended screening every year starting after age 40. Where do you stand?

Dr. Pearlman: Well, not only does the Obama administration favor frequent and early screening, so do the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Cancer Society, the American College of Radiology, the American College of Surgeons, and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. I agree with their view because there is a measurable benefit in mortality by starting at age 40 and doing mammography every year.

WJN: For a close family member of yours or your patients, do you recommend starting mammography screening at age 40 and doing it every year?

Dr. Pearlman: Unquestionably.

WJN: Mammography will detect ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), which many people do not consider to be "real" breast cancer. Detecting it often brings about unnecessary worry and treatment. Do you agree?

Dr. Pearlman: Yes. But this isn't just a mammography problem, it is a problem because we lack an understanding of the malignant potential of DCIS. Probably 40 percent of DCIS will, if untreated, become invasive and potentially life-threatening breast cancer. The challenge is to figure out which breast lesions are the bad ones that need early treatment. Blaming our ignorance on mammography is throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

WJN: Are we making progress in developing a better screening tool for breast cancer?

Dr. Pearlman: Yes. There is a refinement of mammography coming along called "tomosynthesis," which is like a CT scan of the breast. It sees things that regular mammography doesn't. There are also newer techniques using MRI and ultrasound that are being tested in clinical trials.

WJN: In some other countries, ultrasound is used more than mammography as a screening tool for breast cancer. Why are we different in the United States?

Dr. Pearlman: Ultrasound takes more resources in doing the study and in interpreting it. Trials are going on right now to see if ultrasound is better.

WJN: What about better ways to tell which cancers need aggressive treatment?

Dr. Pearlman: Discovering the BRCA gene mutations has helped to predict some women who are at higher risk for breast cancer. There is also the promising field of proteomics and genomics, where patterns of gene expression are starting to predict which tumors will be more or less aggressive. We are not there yet, but it's premature to reject a helpful screening tool like mammography just because we don't have all those answers.

WJN: Why is it taking so long to get answers?

Dr. Pearlman: Because treatment of breast cancer has improved considerably so that patients are living a long time with their disease. Data on benefit come long after a trial begins and may not be impressive.

WJN: Who are the "high-risk" people?

Dr. Pearlman: Those with a strong family history of breast cancer, especially combinations of breast and ovarian cancer, breast cancer that is discovered before age 50, and Ashkenazi Jews because they have a 20 to 40-fold increase in likelihood of carrying the BRCA mutation.

WJN: In the April 28, 2013 *New York Times Magazine*, an article on breast cancer by Peggy Orenstein ends with this statement:

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Join the Jewish Federation on a Mission to Israel this coming November

Eileen Freed, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor invites community members to explore Israel on a community mission to Israel, November 3–14, 2013.

Participants will connect with Israel's ancient and modern history, explore the energy of Tel Aviv, learn about life near the Gaza border, and connect with Israeli citizens of all backgrounds. No Ann Arbor visit to Israel is complete without experiencing the warm home hospitality and Shabbat in Ann Arbor's partner community, Moshav Nahalal.

The mission culminates in Jerusalem at the General Assembly (GA) of the Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish community's signature annual event held every five years in Jerusalem. "This mission is perfect for those who have never been to Israel or for those who have been many times," says Federation Executive Director, David Shtulman. "Our goal is for our community members to explore the beauty and depth of Israel together and to bring back our enthusiasm and experiences to share with our community."

"I am excited to be returning to Israel with my husband, Jeff, who has never been," says Federation President Laurie Barnett. "This trip

David Shtulman, Jonathan Trobe, Joan Lowenstein, John Waidley, Susa Fisher at Independence Hall during the 2008 Ann Arbor Mission to the General Assembly

will be a wonderful chance to enjoy and learn about Israel together. We're also looking forward to meeting the people in Nahalal who hosted our daughter Julie when she went on the Federation teen trip last year."

About the mission

During the week of travel, the group will experience together a visit to Independence Hall, the birthplace of the State of Israel; a meeting with people struggling to maintain normalcy in Sderot; a wine tasting at a unique, boutique winery; a Kabbalat Shabbat service created by secular Israelis seeking their own Jewish expression; and a tractor tour of Nahalal, Israel's first Moshav. Participants will climb (by foot or cable car) and trek through the ruins of Masada, float in the Dead Sea, and explore the old city of Jerusalem. A key component of the mission is the exceptional opportunity to witness first-hand the impact made by the Ann Arbor Jewish community through its allocations to projects in Israel. All of these shared experiences offer a sense of camaraderie and renewed shared commitment to the local Ann Arbor community.

"After doing a great deal of research we decided to partner with Da'at Educational Expeditions," says Shtulman. "Da'at's personal approach to mission planning gave us confidence that they understood our goals and would craft an itinerary to meet the needs of our community. Their tour guides are experts, and their logistics are outstanding." Da'at has created a website specific to the Ann Arbor mission, which will allow participants to register on-line and communicate directly with a Da'at account executive.

About the General Assembly

The GA is a dynamic marketplace for dialogue and debate about issues crucial to Israel and the Jewish People. Israelis and Jews from North America and around the world come

Enjoying a picnic with Nahalal friends during the 2008 mission

together to hear directly from those involved in making key decisions about Israel and the Jewish world, gain new perspectives, and participate in challenging conversations about Federations and the global Jewish community.

A highlight of a General Assembly in Israel is "GA on Wheels" during which participants travel throughout Israel to experience the impact of Federation-funded projects and to discover some of Israel's many accomplishments.

While it may seem like "just another conference" community members who attended last year's General Assembly in Baltimore returned motivated and energized. Barnett, reflecting on her experience said, "it was validating in that I realized that we are thinking about, focusing on and doing a lot of the right things. It helps to know that we are on the right track and that we're not alone."

The power of the General Assembly is that it gathers thousands of Jews from across the spectra of observance, politics, background and economic status for the purpose of considering the successes and challenges facing the Jewish people. Carol Amster, who attended the 2013 GA in Baltimore, summed it up this way: "We Are Many With One Purpose." ■

For details about the community mission, visit www.jewishannarbor.org or contact David Shtulman (david@jewishannarbor.org, 677-0100).

Susan Fisher enjoys her "GA on Wheels" trip focusing on the diversity of Israel's cultural groups during the 2008 mission

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An update on The Herb Amster Center

Sarah Okin, special to the WJN

Jewish Family Services (JFS) officially launched The Herb Amster Center at the agency's 20th anniversary celebration this April.

Many members of the community know that both the landscape of non-profit funding and the demand for services are drastically changing. One is consistently decreasing, while the other is constantly increasing. Sadly, this phenomenon is not working in the favor of non-profits.

As the sizes of grant awards shrink (and often simply disappear), the competition for awards grows and the demand for services increases, JFS finds itself in a tough predicament. To combat this quandary, and actualizing the advice of one of JFS' strongest supporters, Herb Amster, JFS is strategically altering its business model. In 2012, to honor the legacy of Herb Amster, JFS created The Herb Amster Center with the following mission for long-term sustainability: to develop revenue-generating businesses to reduce JFS' dependence on grant and foundation funding.

The Center is guided by a Professional Advisory Council, chaired by Norman Herbert. Members of the Council include business and non-profit leaders David Barfield, Phyllis Herzig, Scott Kellman, Steve Klein, Judie Lax, Bob Miller, Bruce Moyer, Chuck Newman, Ed Pear, Josh Pokempner, Tom Porter and Anya Abramzon. JFS is very grateful for their support and continued willingness to provide counsel and guidance as the Center attempts to satisfy this important mission.

In shifting JFS' dependence from external, inconsistent sources of funding to being sustainably reliant upon its own revenue streams, the Center is examining the potential of monetizing existing JFS services. This means seeking new clientele (individuals or organizations), who are willing and able to pay for services. These fees will be assessed in order to subsidize JFS' non-paying clients.

Much like a gift shop provides funding for a hospital or museum, the Amster Center will provide funding for JFS. For example, JFS is able to accept payment from Medicare and major insurance providers for services delivered under the CARF-accredited counseling program. A capacity ratio is currently being calculated; a formula that will tell JFS how many 'full paying' clients they need to service in order to provide free, or heavily discounted, services to those in need. The goal is to break even – to sustain programs for the long-term. Of course, in some circumstances, the agency hopes to make a profit. This profit will then go to subsidizing other programs, programs from which JFS is otherwise unable to generate revenue.

A comprehensive review of JFS current programs and services was conducted to determine immediate opportunities for revenue optimization and increase. Partners in Care Concierge (or PiCC), was chosen as the Amster Center's first project. PiCC is a program in which trained volunteers accompany older adults and persons with disabilities to medical appointments.

PHOTO BY GREGORY FOX

Carol Amster cutting the ribbon, April 2013

JFS has found that participation in PiCC results in more productive communication between medical staff and patients, increased compliance with medical instruction and therefore – reduced hospital readmissions. This unique opportunity for medical institutions and insurance companies to save costs is exceptional. One in five Medicare patients is readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of discharge, costing the US government an estimated $17.5 billion annually. In the wake of the Affordable Care Act and Medicare reforms – this solution offered by the Amster Center to this $17.5 billion-dollar-problem has great potential.

Ultimately, the Amster Center anticipates their focus shift from those less risky ideas (expanding current services) to potentially creating new sources of revenue (new businesses). As the Center progresses toward this social enterprise model, they are eager to bring you news of their successes. The agency has, of course, sought counsel regarding the potential for 'unrelated business income' and consistently prioritizes the best interest of JFS at every stage.

The Herb Amster Center and Jewish Family Services find themselves at the beginning of an exciting journey; one they hope community members will help make successful. Everyone is invited to reach out to the Center's director, Sarah Okin (sarah.okin@jfsannarbor.org), with questions, advice, words of encouragement or leads. JFS welcomes ideas for products or services that the community may be missing, and would be willing to pay for. Additionally, there still is an opportunity to make a gift and become an Amster Center Founder and the agency welcomes the opportunity to talk more about this individually. ■

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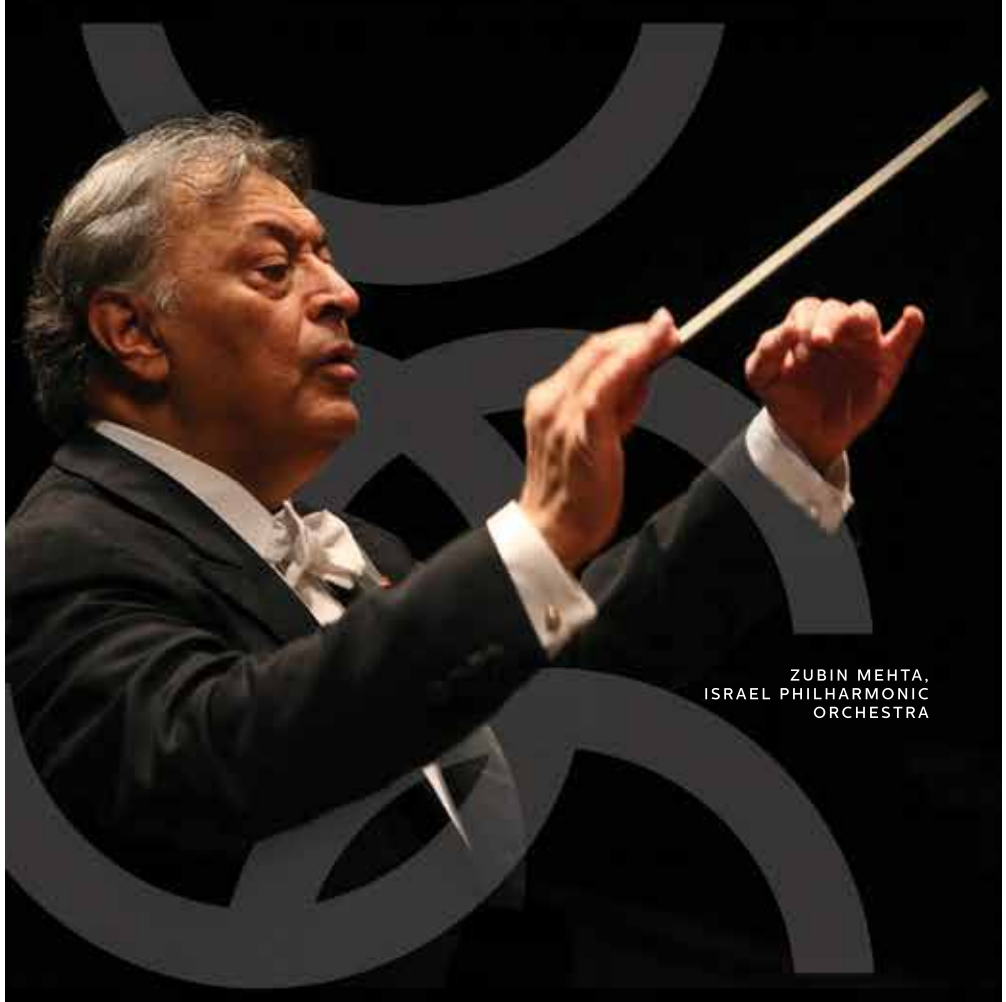

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Spring into Summer Lunch and Mixer for Jewish Women's Circle

Mae Sander, special to the WJN

At the Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County, one of the most important activities is forming friendships, according to Esther Goldstein, JWC organizer. Thus, at the lunchtime open house on Sunday June 2, the emphasis will be meeting new women and connecting with old friends, as well as honoring those who have presented or otherwise worked on

JWC events this year. This event, "Spring into Summer," is open to all who have participated in the past and is especially designed also to invite new participants.

"We hope everyone who has joined us before will come to this luncheon and mixer and learn about our activities," says Goldstein, "and we encourage each one to invite a friend from the Jewish community. Our current participants include women from many parts of the US, from Israel, Argentina, the former Soviet Union, and other countries. One goal of our programs is to strengthen the Jewish identity of our participants, and we welcome all women regardless of their religious affiliation or non-affiliation. At this event we hope women will share their skills and let us know if their talents can be part of the programs for next year."

The lunch will include salads by Shternie Zweibel, who will discuss her techniques for saladmaking and provide recipes for several salads, including her spinach, strawberry, mango, and avocado salad. In addition, photos and other material about past meetings will be on display to encourage

discussion and feedback about the group. During the open social hour, participants will have opportunities to suggest future activities that would interest them and to brainstorm ideas for inviting new women to attend future meetings.

"We have had an excellent year of activities," says Gail Epstein, who is active in planning and publicizing JWC events. "We enjoyed several food presentations, such as 'Knead a New Twist' where we did hands-on challah baking, our Hamantaschen Bakeathon with Irit Kaye, and 'Soup in the Sukkah' where we not only ate soup but also learned how Esther makes soup. At two very successful events presenters provided self-help information. In November, in 'Managing your Mind' Dr. Geraldine Markel taught us techniques for time management. And at our most recent meeting we learned about skin care from Dr. Dana Sachs, a dermatologist and professor of dermatology."

"At every event we have time for people to connect and catch up with personal news," Epstein continues. "I know of friendships that have formed between women who met each other through the JWC and who now get together on their own. We hope that new participants will attend the spring luncheon, look forward and backward at our potential, and begin to enjoy the activities and social life of our group."

"Spring into Summer" will take place Sunday, June 2, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the patio at Chabad House (indoors if the weather is not cooperating). Childcare is available by prior reservation. Suggested donation is $10 for attending, $20 with childcare. Spaces are limited: email goblue1800@gmail.com or respond to the E-Vite for the event to reserve a place and childcare if needed. ■

Rabbi Ilana Baden joins Federation staff

David Shtulman, special to the WJN

The Federation has announced that Rabbi Ilana Baden has joined the staff as the director of Community Engagement, a redefining of the job portfolio currently held by Eileen Freed, who will be leaving the Federation this summer. Ilana is the wife of Jewish Community Center Executive Director Jeffrey Baden.

Rabbi Ilana Baden

The Federation was looking for a candidate who could take over Freed's responsibilities directing Israel programming, running teen programs with Nahalal and evaluating overseas allocations. In addition, Federation sought someone who could reach out effectively to our community members in their thirties and forties and create the kind of programming that would make them want to become more engaged with Jewish community life. Rabbi Baden is perfectly suited to both these tasks.

A graduate of the University of Michigan with degrees in Near Eastern Studies and Modern Hebrew, Baden was immediately active in Ann Arbor's Jewish community. She served as president of the University of Michigan Hillel Governing Board, chair of U-M United Jewish Appeal and received the Teacher of the Year Award from Temple Beth Emeth while a student at U-M.

Rabbi Baden received her rabbinic ordination and master's degree in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. She worked for three years as associate rabbi at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and then 10 years as associate rabbi at the Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati. During her rabbinic career, Baden has created educational curricula and led activities for teens, young families and interfaith families. She has taught for the Florence Melton mini-school and serves as faculty for the Goldman Union Camp Institute. She has also been an Israel Group Leader for NFTY Israel programs and speaks Hebrew fluently. As a volunteer, Baden served as president of the Greater Cincinnati Board of Rabbis and on the boards of the Cincinnati Federation, American Jewish Committee and Bureau of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Baden adds new capacity to Federation as a Jewish educator. This will enable Federation to improve the educational value of its programming as well as offer more varied and attractive options for the young adult community.

While she will sustain and continue to build on the excellent platform of Israel programming that Freed has created for the Federation, Rabbi Baden will focus on reaching out and engaging community members in all that Jewish Ann Arbor has to offer. Rabbi Ilana Baden can be reached at Ilana@jewishannarbor.org or 677-0100. ■

SPICE* of Life

***Social, Physical, Intellectual, Cultural, and Educational Programs for Adults**

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

Tuesdays

11 a.m.: Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. $4 per session.
Noon: Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person
1 p.m.: Mah-jongg, sewing and quilting.

Thursdays

10 a.m.: Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. $4 per session.
11 a.m.: Current Events with Heather Dombey. A discussion of this week's news. Bring items of interest for group discussion.
Noon: Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person
1 p.m.: Thursday Special Events and Presentations (see below for details)

Special events

Thursday, June 6

12:30 p.m.: Monthly Birthday Celebration. JCC members who were born in June will be honored. Come for cake and ice cream, and stay for the afternoon programming.
1 p.m.: Margaret Carney, director of the Dinnerware Museum, will discuss the role that dinnerware plays in one's life, as well as the history of the dinnerware used every day.

Thursday, June 14

12:30 p.m.: Free blood pressure screenings. The nurses from CARE Response visit the SPICE program on the second Thursday of each month to provide free blood pressure screenings and information on staying healthy. No RSVP required.
1 p.m.: TBD

Maestro Arie Lipsky appointed guest conductor of Haifa Symphony Orchestra

Stephani Roose, special to the WJN

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra has announced that Conductor and Music Director Arie Lipsky is moving to Ann Arbor in the summer of 2014. Lipsky, now in his 13th season with the A2SO, will make Ann Arbor his hometown and home base next year to better serve as music director and conductor of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

Arie Lipsky

The A2SO's musicians, board, and community unanimously chose Arie Lipsky to be conductor and music director in 2000. In his tenure as music director, Lipksy has reached multiple milestones: increased the A2SO's reach to serve over 200,000 Michiganders by beginning a Family Concert Series, dedicating the U-M North Campus Research Center and the York Township Toyota Facility with the A2SO, starting the Side-by-Side program with local schools, doubling the number of Youth Concerts, and expanding the reach of its Education Programs to serve over 50,000 youngsters in five counties.

Arie Lipsky reflects, "In the space of a dozen years, Ann Arbor has given me a sense of belonging and has inspired me. I feel like a part of the family and the members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and community have made it so. I love Ann Arbor's people, culture, and of course, the music. I look forward to visiting more schools and community centers. My family and I look forward to making Ann Arbor our new hometown."

The move comes with the international news that Lipsky has just been honored by being appointed as the Principal Guest Conductor of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Motti Eines, general director for Haifa Symphony Orchestra said, "I warmly welcome Maestro Arie Lipsky back to his hometown, Haifa, and to our orchestra as Principal Guest Conductor. I am positive that now with him moving to Ann Arbor, Arie will be the head of a fruitful mutual cultural relationship between Ann Arbor and Haifa in general and specifically between our two symphony orchestras."

Since 1997, Lipsky has been a regular guest conductor in Haifa and is excited to continue as Principal Guest Conductor of his first hometown symphony. "It is an honor and a privilege to conduct the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, where my first love of music was cultivated," said Lipsky. "I have been a member of the orchestra, performed as a soloist many times, and have conducted operas and symphonic concerts. It is special to come full circle and become its Principal Guest Conductor."

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1950 and in recent years has become the focal point of musical life in Haifa and the north of Israel. The orchestra, which is the most significant musical institute in the north of Israel, has recently expanded its activities throughout the country. For more information about the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, email info@haifasymphony.co.il. ■

JFS kicks off its 20th year in style

Cindy Klein, special to the WJN

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County celebrated its 20th Anniversary with its "Constellation JFS" event on April 21, at the University of Michigan North Campus Research Complex. Almost 350 attendees were treated to a jazz reception and tasting of Sandhill Crane Vineyards wine with catering by Amanda's Kitchen The constellation theme was carried throughout the enormous room by large globes hanging from the ceiling illuminated with stars (created by Russell Video) and fiber optic centerpieces on each of the tables. An impromptu "flash mob" serenaded JFS Executive Director Anya Abramzon with a parody of "Mrs. Robinson" ("And here's to you, Anya Abramzon…") penned by Jerry Lax. Cantor Annie Rose organized the flash mob, which was made up of members of the Temple Beth Emeth Choir. She was assisted by Simone Yehuda.

JFS typically presents one person or couple with its leadership award, which honors the spirit of the late Claire and Isadore Bernstein's community service ethic. "This was a special year," said JFS President Phyllis Herzig. "We wanted to honor the Federation, which founded JFS, Bank of Ann Arbor, which has helped the agency in so many ways, and of course, we wanted to honor Anya for her amazing vision and ability to create an agency that serves as many members of the community as possible, so we honored all of them with the Bernstein Award," Herzig stated. Emcees for the event included Amy and Ken Colton, Claire and Isadore Bernstein's daughter and son-in-law; past winners of the Bernstein Award: Phyllis and David Herzig, Judie and Jerry Lax, Barbara Stark-Nemon and Barry Nemon, Rachel Bendit and Mark Bernstein, Ken Fischer, and JFS President-Elect, Bob Miller. The 2012 Bernstein Award winner, Carol Amster, emceed the portion of the program launching The Herb Amster Center, and cut a bright red ribbon signifying the official beginning of the Center's activity. Norman Herbert and Chuck Newman spoke about progress with the Amster Center. Local attorney, Ed Stein, created video vignettes honoring the Federation, Bank of Ann Arbor, and Abramzon. Nancy Margolis and Laurie Bennett accepted the award on behalf of the Federation, while Tim Marshall, president, and Hans Maier, senior vice-president of Bank of Ann Arbor accepted the bank's award. Two longtime JFS employees were also honored for their 15 years of service to the agency: Elina Zilberberg, associate director, and Andre Yastchenko, director of Transportation and International Services.

The awards were followed with the debut of "The Faces of JFS," a moving, five-minute video chronicling the lives and the needs of typical JFS clients as seen through their eyes. The video may be viewed online from the JFS home page: www.jfsannarbor.org. It was created by David Mayer of Video-Burst.

Past and current JFS board and staff members prepare to sing "Happy Anniversary" to JFS

PHOTO BY GREGORY FOX

Senior Vice President Hans Maier (left) and President Tim Marshall

PHOTO BY GREGORY FOX

(l to r) Federation President Laurie Barnett, Nancy Margolis and JFS President Phyllis Herzig

The afternoon ended with the sun setting through the windows behind the stage while many current and former JFS staff and board members gathered around a cake provided by Simply Scrumptious Catering. The first two directors of JFS, Susan Sefansky and Aliza Shevrin, were acknowledged and the group ended with the singing of "Happy Anniversary" to JFS.

The event raised nearly $100,000 for JFS. "What a wonderful way to kick off our 20th Anniversary Campaign!" said Abramzon. "We thank our community partners and event sponsors, and our donors for helping make this event so successful." Those who would like to be a part of the celebration and to support the vital services provided by the agency, may contribute to JFS' 20th Anniversary Campaign via the website or by calling 769-0209. ■

Frankel Institute assembles roster of accomplished scholars

Kim Reick Kunoff , special to the WJN

Each year, the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan invites scholars to Ann Arbor to pursue research projects on a general theme. For 2013–2014, the group—led by University of Pennsylvania historian Beth S. Wenger—will gather around the theme of "New Perspectives on Gender & Jewish Life."

"This year, the Frankel Institute plans to extend questions stimulated by gender to traditional aspects of Jewish studies, such as rabbinics, politics, literature, and history as well as to newer areas of Jewish studies, such as diaspora, culture, performance, and migration studies," explains Deborah Dash Moore, director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. "Not only women but also men and masculinity, sexuality and the sexual politics of Jewish identity are topics for study. We see this year as a chance to build on existing scholarship as well as to move research on Jews and gender into relatively unexplored areas, such as the senses, emotions, and new media, including the arts."

The 2013–2014 Frankel Institute fellows:

- Christine Achinger, University of Warwick
  Constellations of Alterity: Conceptions of Femininity and Jewishness in Modern German and Austrian culture
- Benjamin Baadar, University of Manitoba
  Creating Self and Creating Community: Gender, Class, and Jewish Difference In German Jewish Family Letters and Diaries, 1813-1871
- Rivka Bliboim, Hebrew University
  Languaue and Gender: The Case of the "Frecha"
- Susan Dessel, Independent Artist
  Words Heard in a Black Maria (Working Title)
- Galit Hasan-Rokem, Hebrew University
  Women and Everyday Like: Folk-Literary and Ethnographic Aspects of Midrash Leviticus Rabbah
- Verena Kasper-Marienberg, University of Graz
  Seeking Imperial Justice: Accounts of Conflict in the 18th Century Frankfurt Judengasse
- Dorothy Kim, Vassar College
  Medieval Women and English Exoticism
- Rachel Kranson, University of Pittsburgh
  Jewish Voices, Women's Choices: Jewish Involvement in American Abortion Debates, 1967-2000
- Marjorie Lehman,
  Jewish Theological Seminary
  The Gendered Rhetoric of Tractate Yoma
- Evyatar Marienberg, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
  How Should Jews Do it? The (Hi)story of Traditional Jewish Sex Instruction
- Anita Norich, University of Michigan
  Kadya Molodovsky: Fact and Fiction
- Shachar Pinsker, University of Michigan
  Urban Cafes, Gender and Modern Jewish Culture
- Max Strassfeld, Stanford University
  Classically Queer: Eunuchs and Androgynes in Rabbinic Literature
- Beth S. Wenger,
  University of Pennsylvania
  Making American Jewish Men

The Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies: Expressing a deep commitment to Jewish learning, the Samuel and Jean Frankel Jewish Heritage Foundation provided a $20 million endowment in 2005 to establish the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan. On November 9, 2005, the University celebrated the official inauguration of the Institute and, soon after, it announced its first theme year and call for fellowship applications. For more information, visit www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/. ■

Cultural Arts at the JCC

Karen Freedland, special to the WJN

Amster Gallery presents ColorScapes: The Art of Mary Schuman

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will host the opening reception for local artist Mary Schuman, Sunday, June 23, from 4-6 p.m. in the Amster Gallery

Mary Schuman

Schuman's paintings are inspired by her love of color. Many of her paintings are focused around abstract images from nature, flowers and landscapes. She primarily uses fluid acrylics, utilizes blending techniques and creates images on a variety of surfaces. Most of Schuman's paintings are created from her imagination and depict visual memories of what she has experienced and synthesize dreams of what she hopes to see in the future. The exhibit will run June 23-July 22 during regular JCC business hours. RSVP by June 19 to the opening reception.

Discover Jewry in Music with Louie Nagel: An evening of food, wine, music and discussion

The JCC will present a captivating evening with Louie Nagel on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy appetizers and wine to learn firsthand from Louie Nagel about Jewish composers, their music, and those who left the faith for a variety of reasons. Louie will be using David Conway's monumental study, Jewry in Music, which covers history from the Renaissance composer Rossi to the era of Mendelssohn, Mahler and Meyerbeer as source material along with musical selections illustrating the artists. The audience will listen to excerpts from the different composers and learn how Judaism played a role in their compositions and why some of these talented geniuses left the faith.

Louie Nagel

The evening will conclude with a piano piece played by Nagel and dessert will follow. The cost for JCC Members is $15 and $25 for non-members.

JCC seeks local authors for 2013 Jewish Book Festival

The JCC is looking for local authors to participate in the 2013 Jewish Book Festival, which will take place November 6–17, 2013. Participants should be authors whose books have been published in late 2012 and in 2013. The local author event is a highlight of the Book Festival. ■

For more information and to RSVP for JCC events, contact Karen Freedland at 971-0990 or karenfreedland@jccfed.org.

Apples and Honey returns to JCC, September 3

Halye Aisner, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's beloved Apples & Honey program will return to the JCC, Tuesday, September 3 from 5–7:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy carnival games, activities, vendor displays, crafts and bouncers. Israeli food, kosher baked goods and lunch will be available for purchase, along with Judaica items. This program brings together many local Jewish organizations to provide information about their purpose and programs. More information will be available at the JCC website, www.jccfed.org or by contacting Noreen DeYoung at noreendeyong@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

Family Canoe Trip, June 23

Noreen De Young, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor is sponsoring a family canoe trip on the Huron River Sunday, June 23. Everyone will meet at Heavner Canoe Rental in Milford, Michigan, at 1 p.m. Participants will paddle up the Huron River to the Proud Lake Dam and return the canoe rental where an optional pizza dinner will be available. Adults and children of all ages are welcome to participate. Enjoy this beautiful look at our natural waterway while bonding with family and friends. No experience necessary. The cost for this program is $50 for a family up to four people (two adults and two children) that includes pizza (additional per person rate $10) and $30 per family up to four people (two adults and two children) without pizza (additional per person rate $5). For more information or to register contact Noreen De Young, JCC program director, at noreendeyoung@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

JCC Annual Meeting set for Sunday, June 9

Halye Aisner, special to the WJN

The community is invited to attend the Jewish Community of Greater Ann Arbor's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9 at 10 a.m. The program will include honoring the JCC's outgoing board members and thanking the JCC's volunteers. The event will also include the annual election of the board of directors. Reports from all committees and departments will be made as well as plans for the coming year. Brunch will be served and childcare and children's programming is available with advance notice. For more information or to RSVP, contact the JCC at 971-0990.

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"…all that well-meaning awareness (of breast cancer) has (ended up) obscuring the limits of screening, conflating risk with disease, compromising our decisions about health care, (and) celebrating "cancer survivors" who may never have required treating." Do you agree?

Dr. Pearlman: I respectfully disagree. Breast cancer mortality is down 30 percent in the last 25 years. Studies tell us that 1/3 of that drop is due to better screening and 2/3 to better treatment. Let's give due credit to both parts and hope for an even better record in the future.

Dr. Hayward

WJN: If cancer screening finds cancers earlier, why might it not always be a good idea?

Dr. Hayward: It is only a good idea if finding the cancer earlier is going to make a difference to the afflicted. For example, cancer of the uterus usually announces its presence with clinical manifestations. At that time it is almost always curable, so there is no point in screening asymptomatic patients. With cancer of the ovaries, finding it early does not help because it will usually be fatal anyway. Also, many cancers detected with screening are never going to cause harm except the harm we impose by treating them—chemotherapy and radiation therapy and the constant worry of knowing you have cancer.

WJN: How do you explain this counter-intuitive idea to your patients?

Dr. Hayward: It is difficult. First, you have to use language that people understand. Second, you must let them know that the screening tests are not good at distinguishing cancers that need treatment from those that don't. Third, you have to explain that unnecessary treatment may cause serious harm. But in the end, my patients often make decisions that are different from the decisions I would make!

WJN: Why has there been so negative press lately about cancer screening?

Dr. Hayward: A recent study (Bleyer A et al. Effect of Three Decades of Screening Mammography on Breast-Cancer Incidence. N Engl J Med 2012; 367:1998-2005) showed that we have probably been overestimating how much mammography has done for breast cancer survival. The rate of advanced breast cancers has not gone down much with screening. Breast cancer mortality has gone down, but mostly due to better treatments. We have recently learned that the harms inflicted on women from mastectomy and chemotherapy have gone way up. Naturally this information raises concerns.

WJN: If that is true for breast cancer, is it also true for other cancers?

Dr. Hayward: No. Screening for colon cancer is overwhelmingly positive. Actually, a woman will get more benefit from a single flexible sigmoidoscopy (half colonoscopy) than from having yearly mammograms from age 40 until old age. Screening for lung cancer in smokers using rapid CT scans appears to be quite effective. Screening for cervical cancer has improved even further with tests that detect the viruses that cause most cervical cancers.

WJN: What screening guidelines do you follow for breast cancer?

Dr. Hayward: The United States Preventive Task Force issued reasonable guidelines—every other year mammography starting at age 50 in women with average risk. But I let my patients know that there is heavy disagreement and that many specialists support more frequent and earlier mammography.

WJN: What if your patients insist that even if there are pitfalls and only a small benefit, they'd like to undergo mammography starting at age 40?

Dr. Hayward: That's fine. If I were a woman of average breast cancer risk, I'd start at age 45 and get mammography every other year after that.

WJN: In the New England Journal of Medicine article you co-authored in 2010 ("Lessons from the Mammography Wars"), you wrote that "we should work to prevent vested interests from being granted the loudest voices in health care." What did you mean?

Dr Hayward: The representatives of breast radiology societies misrepresented the scientific evidence when they said that mammography should be done every year starting at age 40 and to do otherwise is to sacrifice the lives of women. Scientific evidence gives us an idea of how much benefit we will get from an action. Whether we decide to do it depends on what we value. Downhill skiing slightly increases your chance of dying. Does that mean you will give up downhill skiing?

WJN: Were you implying that breast cancer specialists had ulterior motives in issuing those guidelines?

Dr. Hayward: Yes and no. Medicine is a sacred profession but it is also a business. Inherent self-interest can lead us physicians and our professional societies to exaggerate the benefits of treatments in our own minds and in our recommendations to patients. To do that is to usurp the civil right of patient autonomy. We do that too much. It is a betrayal of a public trust.

WJN: As a physician, how do you balance your role as advocate for your patients with your obligation to hold down health costs?

Dr. Hayward: This is a huge problem. It is bad social policy to expect individual physicians to be the gatekeepers of costs. In my opinion, a better solution is to have independent boards of impartial experts examine the evidence and determine best estimates of the utility of tests and treatments. Patients could receive highly beneficial treatments for free, but pay for treatments on an escalating scale as the expected benefits decline or are unknown. The charges should be adjusted according to ability to pay. ■

Parsha Shlach

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

On the Shabbat of June 1, we will be reading the portion of the Torah "Shlach." We will read about when God commanded Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses our teacher) to send the spies to scout-out the Land of Israel, He states it in the unusual manner: " Send to you." Rashi and other commentators ask why God doesn't say it simply as "send?" Rashi answers that the idea of sending spies did not originate with God. It originated with the Jewish people. They came to Moses asking him to send a spy mission into Israel in order to see what the Land was about. Moses responded my saying he couldn't do that on his own and he would have to ask God if this would be appropriate. God responds: it's acceptable if it's what you want to do. So God doesn't object to the people's request, but makes it clear that it is not coming from Him.

Moses had no doubts about either the correctness of entering the land or that God would provide all the blessings that the Jewish people needed to conquer the land of Israel, and then enjoy the blessed land, After all, God said it was a blessed land flowing with milk and honey. Moses knew God and had complete faith in God and never questioned entering the Land. So why did he send the spies? Not to find out if it's good. No. The reason was to make a military reconnaissance in order to evaluate the "situation on the ground" so that plans for the upcoming campaigns to conquer the Land would be optimal. There was no question that the Land was a good Land. There was also no question that God promised the Land to the Jewish people. But since there is a rule in the Torah that one should not depend on a miracle but first should try to work within the rules of Nature, Moses thought that it was a good idea when the people asked him to send the spies but he needed to consult with and obtain God's approval before he approved it for the Jewish people. Nevertheless, we still have a question. If sending spies into the Land was a correct thing to do, why didn't God tell Moses to do it in the first place? And why did God tell Moses: if you want to do it, do it for your own sake—as opposed to simply saying: go ahead and do it.?

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

The answer is quite simple. *Because* God wanted us to work within the limits of Nature to conquer the Land, there was no reason for God to specify *how* we should go into the Land. This type of reconnaissance mission was (and is) the standard operating procedure before going into battle—so God didn't have to specify to Moses that it needed to be done. God actually wanted the Jewish people to decide on their own to send spies. That is why God told Moses to tell the Jewish people to send spies: "if he thought it was a good idea."

As we know, every story in the Torah is not only an historical account of events but also a metaphor for a deeper, eternal, life-lesson. This account of the spies is no different. So what can we learn from this story? Just as when the Jewish people left Egypt, they were told to conquer the land of Canaan and convert it into the Land of Israel - meaning to say, to elevate it by building a temple and doing mitzvoth, tithing from the produce of the land, and other good deeds. The same thing applies in every generation. God tells that we also have the mission "to conquer the Land." Which "Land?" The reference is to the physical world in which we live. Our mission is to "conquer," i.e., use the physical world to serve God. So a person could think that if we have a mission from God to "conquer" the world, God should tell us *how* to do it—that we should wait for God or at least the "Moses" of our generation to tell us in minute detail how to go about our mission. But the Torah tells us no. Part of doing our holy work in this world is to work within the laws of Nature and think for ourselves, toil ourselves, and use the world and its resources around each of ourselves to best serve God. What is the best way to serve God? Just like the spies who check out the land and determine the best way to conquer it—we also should investigate the opportunities we have around us to elevate the coarse physicality of this world into the service of God and make this physical world into a dwelling place for God.

At the same time we learn another lesson from this Torah passage. When a person comes to a specific juncture in carrying out their service to God in this world, there is no doubt that God provides them with the ability to carry out the mission. That was the error of the spies. They didn't complete their mission of helping to decide *how* to conquer the land of Canaan, because they came to the incorrect conclusion that it was a mission that the Jewish people could *not* do. Moses didn't send them to find out if they could conquer the land but rather, *how* to conquer the land. We should always have confidence that God will give us the ability to complete our mission. The spies lost faith that God would provide them with their needs.

Therefore, when we come to a place in our lives when we have the opportunity to elevate a portion of this physical world to make it holy, being sure to operate within the laws of Torah, we should not stand around and wait for someone, even our community leaders, to tell us what to do. Rather, we should make our own decisions, within the parameters of Jewish law, as to the proper way, when and how to take action to do God's will. Eventually, the Jewish people completed the original mission and conquered the land of Canaan and elevated it into the Land of Israel. Likewise, we should elevate, and make holy, the world around each of us to the best of our ability. Eventually, the entire world will be elevated to the point that God will send the Redeemer, the Moshiach, and the revelation of God will cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea. Soon in our days! ■

A precious bar mitzvah gift, 45 years late

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

On the evening of April 28, Beth Israel Congregation celebrated my 25th year as Rabbi. It was an unforgettable occasion for me and my family. I consider it an honor to be a Rabbi in such an exciting Jewish community and realize, each and every day, what a blessing the past 25 years have been for me personally and professionally.

On the morning of the day of the celebration, I arrived at my office to find a letter marked "personal" waiting for me. I thought that I recognized the name on the return address but had no idea what he might want from me.

When I opened the letter, another envelope, yellowed with age, fell out. As I began to read, I could not believe my eyes.

The writer, unsure of whether I would recognize his name, identified himself as the son of a friend of my parents from many years ago. He went on to write that his father had recently died and, while looking through his papers, he had found a savings bond made out in my name that he assumed was intended as a bar mitzvah gift for me. He wrote that he was sending it along, assuming it was worth much more than the $25 face value, and thought I should have it.

I opened the other envelope to find the bond addressed to Robert Mark Dobrusin, 46 Radnor Road, Brighton, Mass OR Gertrude Dobrusin (my mother). It was dated May 24, 1968, one day before my bar mitzvah.

The coincidences were stunning. First, it was the day of my 25th anniversary celebration and here was a $25 bond; and, secondly, I received it on the first day of the week in which I would celebrate the 45th anniversary of my bar mitzvah. I might be one of the few "bar mitzvah boys" who ever received a gift 45 years later and, remarkably, during the week of the bar mitzvah anniversary.

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Of course, as a rabbi, I immediately started to think about the lessons I could share with the congregation from this experience. First, it reminded me that the impact of a bar (or bat) mitzvah continues throughout our life. Secondly, it was an example of the fact that sometimes we have to wait longer than we expected for something good to happen. Finally, it reminded me once again that when we go out of our way to do something nice for someone, we can't predict how meaningful it is going to be for that person. The writer of the letter could just have easily thrown the bond out in the trash. Instead, he went to the trouble to track me down and send it. Let that be a lesson for all of us.

But, as I thought about it, I realized there was another significance about receiving this bond that took this entire experience to another level.

One of my most vivid memories of my bar mitzvah weekend was a very emotional telephone conversation between my mother and the mother of the writer of the letter. It took place just before we left the house for my Saturday evening party. While I won't reveal the substance of that conversation, I will just say that as I stared at the bond, I remembered precisely why the gift was never delivered to me that day as the friends had not come to the party.

The very emotional conversation between my mother and his mother has always been indelibly etched in my mind and, in fact, I had told the story to my wife on many different occasions. She could never quite figure out why I remembered that story so clearly and, frankly, neither could I.

While I still don't know how precisely to explain why I've remembered that moment so clearly for all these years, I do know that this letter would not have been nearly as meaningful to me had I not remembered the story attached to it. Maybe we remember certain things for a reason. As strange as it may sound to say this, I wonder if I have remembered the story for so long just to prepare me for this moment.

That brings me to the most important meaning this experience has for me. It is a lesson I have learned and taught on other occasions, but never on these pages. It is a message I have to share.

Just before we went to sleep on the night before I read the letter, I told Ellen that I couldn't help but think how much this occasion of my 25th anniversary would have meant to my mother and father who were so proud of my decision to become a rabbi. Sadly neither of my parents lived to see this day and I wondered aloud whether they would send me some kind of sign that they know what is happening and that they are with me.

I had good reason to say that, because 4 years ago—just before I received the customary honorary doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary for serving in the Rabbinate for 25 years—I had an extraordinary experience which I could only interpret as a "message" from my mother that she was celebrating with me.

That experience moved me so deeply that I spoke about it from the bima on the following Yom Kippur. I presented it to the congregation as evidence of my belief that those who have died are still "with us" in some way, and can and do let us know that. We need only appreciate and recognize the signs. I would never have believed that so strongly before this happened to me. But, when it did, I had to share my belief. As I expected, I heard from so many others who had such experiences, many of whom had been reluctant to tell their stories.

We shouldn't be. Those stories are a great gift and they are, I believe, real. I waited to see if such an experience would happen again in connection with this *simcha*. Somehow, I was sure it would.

So, as I sat in my office on the morning of my 25th anniversary celebration, holding this remarkable letter and the bond made out in my and my mother's names, my entire thoughts about the evening to come changed.

I no longer thought of it only as an evening in which I would be blessed to be surrounded by loving family and friends who mean so much to me, who have given me the support to continue the work that I do.

Instead, it became an evening in which I was able to celebrate with those who are closest to me and also to feel the real presence of those who are in another place and yet so clearly still here with me.

I could have laughed at the coincidences that letter provided. Instead, I cried tears of joy at all that it told me about memory, about life, and about what lies beyond and within our hearts. ■

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Reconstructing the bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah traditions

Carol Lessure, special to the WJN

I recently read accounts of some of the first b'nai mitzahs hosted by the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah, as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. In the articles, written by Emily Eisbruch, one can see the roots of some practices that still exist today within what is now called the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC). She recounts how her own family and two others came together to rethink and reimagine the bat mitzvah service for daughters Dafna Eisbruch, Sarah Kurz, and Cari Merritt. It is an American Jewish tradition for young women that dates back 91 years to when Judith Kaplan, daughter of Reconstructionist founder Mordechai Kaplan read from the Torah.

Leila and Harry Bagenstos, February 2013

The families began to share ideas and support each other in part because they were affiliated with a small lay-led *havurah* that had no rabbi, no building and even too few prayer books for its members. The task ahead seemed daunting, but to quote one of the parents, Keith Kurz: "The idea was not that we'd come up with the same plans for each, but that we'd meet and talk together, share ideas, and share our progress, so that we'd all get support in creating a special experience."

These Reconstructionist families were particularly close-knit because their daughters all attended the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor from kindergarten to fifth grade. The families recruited a young Torah tutor to work with the girls on a weekly basis. They also defined a community mitzvah project—creating a Torah cover that reflected their Torah portions, and that the AARC still uses today. The families created their own service booklets and came up with very unique and personalized services.

Today, the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation members still create their own personalized services and groups of parents continue to support each other. Families build a sense of community as they attend monthly Learners Services developed by Aura Ahuvia, a founding Havurah member who has served as rabbinic intern for the congregation for the past four years. The Learners service brings together parents and middle school students with other adult members of the community explore the Jewish historical, geographical and political traditions reflected in the siddur to bring greater meaning to the Saturday morning service. Aura Ahuvia has acted as both rabbinic and song leader at dozens of AARC b'nai mitzvahs.

Most AARC members work with another long time Havurah member Deb Kraus as Torah tutor, and she enjoys helping young people in Reconstructionist Congregation truly wrestle with the text. Questions and commentary that make the ancient texts relevant are encouraged. A young woman took issue with the fact that Lot's wife had no name, and a young man questioned the whole basis of Torah as divine inspiration with a very well thought out argument that it was a way the ancients set down their laws and made them stick. Both discussions were made in the spirit, even mandate of the congregation to question and grapple with Jewish teachings.

The congregation has made the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor its permanent home and transforms its lounge area into a sanctuary on a regular basis. AARC also uses the JCC for its Sunday religious school, festival celebrations and a low-key celebratory meal and celebration following a bar or bat mitzvah. The group has made simplicity a guiding principle of its bar and bat mitzvahs, so it's not all about the party.

After a decade of collecting additional beautiful hand-crafted objects to adore the temporary Reconstructionist sanctuary in the JCC lounge, the congregation encourages young people to engage in mitzvah projects in the community, often connected to their *parsha* or havtorah readings. A recent bat mitzvah worked as a tutor at Peace Neighborhood while another wrote for an online community blog to raise awareness about the dangers of fracking to extract natural gas.

Today, the congregation also has plenty of Reconstructionist *siddurim* (prayer books) *Kol Haneshamah* for its members and guests for a bar or bat mitzvah. Family members still create their own service booklet, and an archive of past booklets has been created to inspire the next generation to approach this milestone with creativity and thoughtfulness so that it can continue to make their bar and bat mitzvah experiences spiritually fulfilling.

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation hosts services and programs throughout the year. Over the summer there will be three Fourth Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services and potlucks at the JCC: June 26, July 28, and August 23, starting at 6:15 p.m. Kids' pizza starts at 6 p.m. RSVPs are greatly appreciated for kids' pizza and/or childcare. Newcomers are welcome. The group will also host an end of summer BBQ on Sunday, August 25, at Bandemer Park, 4–9 p.m. To learn more about the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, visit www.aarecon.org or email info@aarecon.org or call 445-1910. ■

This summer at Temple Beth Emeth

Rabbi Lisa Delson, special to the WJN

Women Cantors' Network Conference June 16-19 at Temple Beth Emeth

Cantor Annie Rose

"Sharing Our Stories…. Singing Our Songs," the 32nd annual Women Cantors' Network Conference, will be held at Temple Beth Emeth from June 16–June 19, under the leadership of Cantor Annie Rose. Cantors from all over the country will share workshops, keynote addresses, and concerts.

The public is invited to the opening concert in the sanctuary on Sunday evening; June 16 at 8:00 p.m. Cantors from five congregations will share their original music, as well as the stories behind the music, including Abby Gostein (Texas), Robin Joseph (Connecticut), Debbie Katchko-Gray (Connecticut), Kathy Sebo (Ohio), and Robbi Sherwin (Texas). Two of TBE's musical ensembles, Kol Halev and The High School Shir Chadash Singers, will perform. Three members of the TBE community—Marianne Aaron, Mari Cohen, and Dave Gitterman—will tell stories that shed light on several of the songs to be performed. A gala reception follows in the social hall. The concert and reception are open to the public free of charge.

Other conference highlights include keynote addresses by Cantors Ellen Dreskin (New York) Natasha Hirschhorn (New York), and workshop sessions by Cantors Lisa Levine (Washington, DC), Robin Joseph (Connecticut), and Robbi Sherwin (Texas). Debbie Merion and Carole Lapidos, both members of the TBE community, will collaborate with guest cantors leading workshops.

Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray founded the Women Cantors' Network in 1982. The goal of the WCN is to promote the practice of Judaism through the dissemination, development, and commissioning of Jewish music and rituals for clergy and lay leaders serving in the cantorate. The organization has over 300 members from the United States, Canada, Israel, England, France and Germany.

For more information, contact Cantor Annie Rose at Temple Beth Emeth, 665-4744

Families with Young Children (FYC): Shabbat Service times every Friday

Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 July 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services led by Rabbis Levy, Delson and Cantor Annie Rose, 5:30 p.m.
Dinner for Tot Shabbat, 6 p.m.
Shira (Tot Song Session), 6:30 p.m.
(No Shira July and August)
Popsicle Oneg, 7 p.m.
Welcome Back Shabbat, Friday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.

After a long summer of vacations and travel, join TBE for casual Shabbat services in the round. This is a great way to get to know members of the congregation and find your home at Temple Beth Emeth. Everyone is welcome.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Weekly, June 8, 15, 22, 29, 8:50-9:50 a.m.

Each week, Rabbi Delson and Rabbi Levy lead a session discussing the weekly Torah portion. No experience is necessary, an open mind and questions are always welcome. If there is not bar or bat mitzvah the hour concludes by saying Kaddish for loved ones. Shabbat Morning Torah Study will resume in September..

TNT: Shabbat Pot Luck in the Arb

Saturday, June 15, 1–3 p.m.

Shabbat in June would not be complete without a Shabbat potluck in the Arb. Bring a dairy/vegetarian dish to share and Frisbees, baseball/softball equipment and blankets. Relax and enjoy our day of rest together. Meet in the parking lot near the UM hospital. RSVP to Rabbi Delson at ldelson@templebethemeth.org or on Facebook "RabbiLisa Delson." Events for July and August will be posted on Facebook and TBE's website.

Jewish Hikers of Michigan

Sunday, June 23, 11 a.m. (1800 N. Dixboro Road)
Sunday, July 21, 11 a.m. (JHOM's 50th hike) Parker Mill (4650 Geddes Road)
Sunday, August 18, 11 a.m. Dolph Park (499 S. Wagner Road)

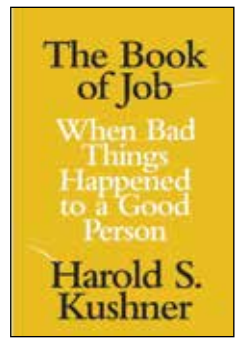
These hikes, which are opened to the community, are full of beautiful nature reserves, social interaction, and light physical activity. Hikes are open to all ages, with no experience necessary. It is recommended to bring a small bag with water and snacks. The hikes last between 1-1/2 to 2 hours. The hikes are not physically demanding. No pets, please. For more information contact Eli Avni, hike coordinator, elik7777@yahoo.com and check Temple Beth Emeth's website, www.templebethemeth.org.

Spirituality Book Club

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 6 at Noon

June's book: *The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

Join Cantor Annie Rose for the last meeting of the fourth season of the spirituality book club! All are welcome to come to every meeting or on occasion for specific books of interest. Choose either the day time or evening session.



Widely ranging topics highlight our list of books by: Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger, Sylvia Boorstein, Karen Armstrong, Harold Kushner, Rodger Kamenetz, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Leonard Felder, Brian Weiss, and Michael Krasny. This book club is for firm believers, non-believers, gentle skeptics, and interested seekers. For more information, contact Cantor Rose, cantorannie@gmail.com.

Men's Torah Study

Wednesdays, June 12 and 26, 7:30–9 p.m.

Temple Beth Emeth's Men's Torah study meets twice a month for an evening of learning. Refreshments served. For more information, contact Roger Stutesman, rgstutesmanatsbcglobal.net. ■

Summer events at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Mixology and Munchies with Marcie and Mary

Sunday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Food Floozie Mary Bilyeu and foodie extraordinaire Marcie Greenfield will demonstrate the mixing of unique non-alcoholic beverages and the preparation of some snacks, too. Participants will be able to taste an assortment of creative mixed drinks suitable for families, designated drivers and everyone else. These drinks will be perfect for summer events and simchas and the participants will be able to take recipes home with them.

The cost is $5; RSVPs are required. Please email rabbisoffice@bethisrael-aa.org or call 665-9897 to make a reservation. Payment can be made in advance or at the door; checks should be made out to Women's League. This event is co-sponsored by Women's League and Men's Club.

T-shirt Shabbat

Saturday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.

Participants are encouraged wear to their favorite T shirts—camp, school/university, and vacation designs—to this annual Shabbat morning service. A summery Kiddush will follow.

Annual congregation meeting and dessert reception

Monday, June 17, 7 p.m.

Beth Israel's Annual Congregation Meeting includes a dessert reception, the election of new Beth Israel board members and officers for the 2013–2014 fiscal year and their installation, the presentation of Honorable Menschen Awards to volunteers who have made a difference over the past year, the approval of the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, and the installation of the board of the Beth Israel Women's League. Beth Israel's achievements over the past year will be celebrated, and goals for the upcoming year will be charted.

Barbecue and Barchu

Friday, July 5, 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel's courtyard. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is July 2 at 9:00 a.m. Those interested are asked to call the office for reservations, and after that date check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal. This is an annual Beth Israel tradition.

The BIC flower and vegetable garden

For the seventh year in a row Beth Israel maintains a garden at County Farm Park in Ann Arbor at Platt and Washtenaw. The garden is a part of Project Grow. The garden supplies flowers and vegetables for summer onegs, and local food banks. Approximately half of the produce is donated to Food Gatherers. Everyone in the community can experience the joy of agriculture by visiting the garden or volunteering to work with a friendly group of people. Prior experience not required. Contact Jake Kander at programs@bethisrael-aa.org.

Summer Tot Shabbat

June 8, June 22, July 13, August 10, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is Beth Israel's Shabbat morning program for toddlers and preschoolers along with their families. Tot Shabbat features singing, dancing, stories, and prayers to celebrate Shabbat. The experienced leaders of Tot Shabbat are Peretz Hirshbein and Jacob Kander. Peretz Hirshbein is the assistant director of the Early Childhood Center at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and the current vice president for programs on the Beth Israel board of directors. Jacob Kander is Beth Israel's program director.

Tot Shabbat meets at Beth Israel downstairs in room 15. Following services child size tables are set out for Tot Shabbat kids and their families are always invited to stay to enjoy a Kiddush lunch with the rest of the congregation.

Shlomo Carlebach Friday night service and Friday night dinner

Friday, July 26, 6 p.m. Friday Night Service, 7 p.m. Friday Night Dinner

This hour and ten minute lay led service features the soulful melodies of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. The music is spirited, fun, and easy to pick up. Singing out and harmonizing are welcomed and encouraged.

A fully transliterated Friday night service prayer book is available, and page numbers are given for both the regular *Siddur Sim Shalom* for Shabbat, and a completely transliterated prayer book, *Lechu Neranena.*

This year the service will conclude with a Shabbat dinner. There is a charge for dinner.

Shabbat in the Park

Friday, August 16, 6 p.m. at County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Road

Participants experience an outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service led by the Beth Israel Rabbis in a natural environment, located near the Beth Israel Garden. The service is followed by a dairy potluck Shabbat Dinner, which includes produce from the Beth Israel garden as well. County Farm Park is located at the southwest corner of Washtenaw and Platt.

Barbecue and Barchu

Friday, August 23, 6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Participants enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel's courtyard. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is August 20, at 9:00 a.m. Call the office for reservations, and after that date check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal

Pet picnic

Sunday, August 25, noon

Participants are invited to bring their pet and a picnic lunch for this annual pet event at Beth Israel. Beth Israel will provide the pet snacks. Those without pets are more than welcome to come and meet animal friends of the congregation. Singing and games will highlight the event and the program will conclude with a group photo.

Summer services

Daily and Shabbat services continue all summer long; on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and on Fridays evenings, generally at 6 p.m. Hours may vary on Friday evening. Please check the Beth Israel calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.og.

Selichot services

Saturday, August 31, 11 p.m.

The Selichot service is the annual late night service of repentance which precedes Rosh Hashana which consists of prayers and introspective readings concerning repentance. The Selichot service will be conducted by Rabbi Dobrusin. Just prior to the service, at 10:45 p.m. all new memorial plaques which have been installed over the year will be dedicated.

Complimentary tickets for High Holidays for newcomers, graduate students and first and second year medical residents, and special dues for those 35 and under

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and First and Second Year Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms must be submitted before the holidays, as no tickets can be provided immediately prior to any service.

People who are age 35 or younger may become members at a special rate of $300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of $34.75).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children and the —5 Family Program on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at 665-9897.

Beth Israel Religious School registration

Beth Israel Religious School provides an excellent education which emphasizes skills and experiences, and helps build important connections between home and synagogue. The kindergarten and first grade students meet each Sunday morning, while second through seventh graders meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The middle school experience includes the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family series as well as a Shabbaton and a series of Shabbat morning sessions for sixth grade students. The eighth grade students engage in an in-depth exploration of Jewish identity using their own original photography. High School students continue their Jewish learning and involvement in the synagogue by participating in the Madrichim Program. This program includes two separate tracks, Educational Assistants and Service Learning. Participants in the two tracks come together for monthly text study sessions and social activities.

In addition to the formal educational program, Beth Israel offers informal programming that is open to everyone in the community. The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service and a dairy Shabbat dinner ($7 per person, with no charge for children under 4). Mini Minyan and Kehillat Shabbat provide elementary students with age appropriate services on the second Saturday of each month.

For more information about the Beth Israel Religious School, contact the Director of Education Cindy Saper, school@bethisrael-aa.org. Registration continues through the summer.

Beth Israel events open to non-members

All Beth Israel events are open to the general community, and many are offered at no cost. Call 665-9897 for additional information about the summer events. ■

Additional summer events will be posted on Beth Israel's website –www.bethisrael-aa.org.

Teens spend spring break volunteering in Detroit

Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, Rabbi Lisa Delson, and Jake Kander, special to the WJN

In April, 16 Ann Arbor high school students from Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth spent their spring break volunteering in Detroit. Partnering with the Jewish organization Repair the World students spent three full days facilitating a day camp experience for elementary school children in the Delray section of Detroit. This neighborhood stands in the shadow of factories spilling pollutants into the local environment. Houses sit abandoned, many burnt to the ground. Litter floods the landscape. Simply put, while a mere 30 miles from Ann Arbor, this was an entirely different environment. During their time at the Delray Community Center, students served as buddies for the children, accompanying them to craft, writing and sport activities. The high school students were joined for one day by 7 BIC eighth graders, who volunteered to help to clear debris from the neighborhood—filling an entire dumpster in just one day, yet only making a dent in the overall garbage problem.

The students spent their afternoons touring Detroit—learning about its past and focusing on its current challenges and opportunities. They returned home with a renewed commitment to local service, a new connection with the city of Detroit, and an experience that will, no doubt, inspire growth. The students displayed maturity and insight as they tackled the difficult realities of poverty and inequality in the world. Upon the completion of the trip, they seemed to feel at once accomplished for the successes that they have achieved, yet fully aware of how much more work needs to be done. Their spring break may not have been warm or relaxing, but it will provide them with skills and memories that will continue to inspire throughout their lives.

Both congregations will be continuing their relationship with Repair the World in the year to come, with joint programming efforts as well as projects through their religious schools.

Young philanthropists

Hadar Dohn, special to WJN

Participation in the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor's fifth grade Student Council is a culmination of the leadership curriculum that has been integrated into the program over the years. One of the projects in which the Council engages with great seriousness is grant writing to request funds for a

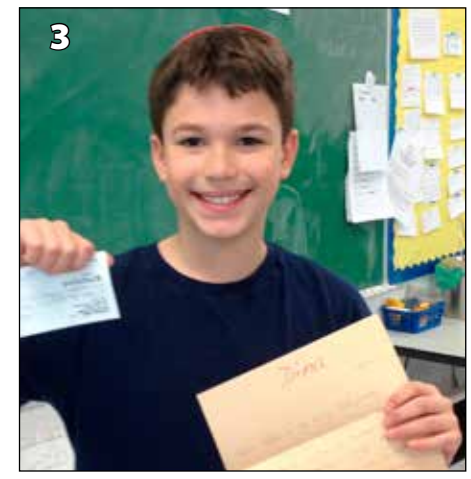
philanthropic effort. The council applied for a $100 Mini-Grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Youth Council. Several of the Student Council members filled out the grant application and then they edited it as a class. Once the grant was approved the students individually researched a variety of organizations within the county, charged with the ultimate task of choosing one and persuading their classmates why it is worthy of their support.

The children quickly voted to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Washtenaw County. Natan, a fifth grade student said, "They help children in the community by providing positive role model in their lives." The students were not content to stop with the $100 grant they were awarded by the Youth Council and began looking for additional ways to increase the money. "To raise more money, we sold food at a food cart and raised $170," said Gabriel, the Council's treasurer. "We sold healthy snacks like water and fruit during our Academic Fair and for a whole week," added Rachel. Additionally, guided by their teacher, Carol Gannon, the children realized that they could turn their grant money into seed money and engage the local community to help it grow. The children began a letter writing campaign asking local companies to match their grant amount. The students were able to raise a grand total of $686.

"We learned a lot of things by helping Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Washtenaw County. We learned how to work as a team because we chose to do a letter writing campaign and we all wrote letters as a class. We also learned that it takes real commitment to support a foundation like that, and we learned that in the end, it doesn't really matter who you donate to. All the organizations are helping people who need the help they provide," Natan summarized at the Mini-Grant Reception hosted by the Community Foundation Youth Council on April 24.

To donate or find out more information about Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Washtenaw County, visit their website: http://www.bbbswashtenaw.org ■

To learn more about HDS, call 971-4633 or email to office@hdsaa.org.



1. Teacher Carol Gannon and fifth graders at the Mini-Grant Reception

2. Healthy food cart with Rachel, Jesse and Zachary

3. Gabriel with response letter and check

ECC piloting new child assessment tool

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

This spring, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) has been chosen to serve as a pilot site for a new child assessment tool, the COR Advantage. COR stands for Child Observation Record, with the emphasis on observation. In an educational world where testing is becoming the norm for children at younger and younger ages, the COR relies on the observations teachers make of the children they work with every day. It focuses on children's strengths, and looks at the whole child. Every day, teachers take anecdotal notes of what they observe their students doing. Later, they analyze these observations to gain a clear view of how their students are developing.

The COR Advantage is the third version of this tool developed by the HighScope Educational Research Foundation, a leader in child development research and advocacy. This new version of the COR is exciting because it follows a child's development from infancy through school entry, and it aligns very closely with the ECC's curriculum goals.

The ECC is one of several sites to be participating in the final validation study of the COR, before it is released this coming fall. As part of the study, ECC teachers received intensive training in the use of the instrument, and parents were given the option to participate in the study by providing background information about their children.

The ECC has an ongoing relationship with the HighScope Foundation. This is the second major study that the ECC has been involved with in as many years; last year the ECC participated in a multi-state study on math instruction with young children. For more information about the ECC, visit www.jccannarbor.org. For more information on HighScope, visit www.highscope.org. For more information on the JCC's Early Childhood Center, contact Director Peretz Hirshbein at 971-0990 or ecc@jccfed.org.

Ann Arborite headed to World Maccabiah Games

Nirit Glazer, special to the WJN

Ann Arbor Huron High-School athlete, Nir Glazer, has been chosen to compete as a member of the Track and Field Team USA in one of the largest international sporting events—the 19th World Maccabiah Games—held every four years in Israel. Jewish athletes will come from all over the world to compete in an Olympic style sporting event, building Jewish pride and identity through athletic competition (http://www.maccabiah.com/).

This sporting event is a competition that unites Jews from five continents, and over 9,000 Jewish athletes from 71 countries participate in 42 sports. Through the Maccabiah Games, the athletes will visit many of the holy attractions in Israel. It is essential for every Jew to enjoy the best Israel – Zion experience. The participants will thus arrive as athletes and will return more connected to Judaism and to Israel, and will thereafter serve as new ambassadors for Israel. Such a sporting event, which has been held periodically since 1932, is considered highly important, particularly at the present time, to strengthen the connection of Jewish youth to Judaism and to minimize assimilation, which has been of an ever-growing concern to the Jewish community.

Nir long jump

Nir Glazer executing a pole vault jump

Glazer will travel to Israel in July, 2013 as part of the USA delegation. He will compete in four events: long jump, high jump, 100m race, and 4x100m relay race.

You can also follow Glazer during the games this summer at his Maccabiah Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nir-Glazer/131395267049251?fref=ts.

Dror Leadership High School in Israel

Nora Chong, special to the WJN

Dror Leadership High School, a semester study-abroad program for North American 10th and 11th graders in Israel, is an incredible opportunity to experience all Israel has to offer. Located in the Galilee city of Karmiel, students study as a separate American class within a larger Israeli high school. Through the experiences of making long-lasting friendships with both Israeli and North American peers, volunteering in the local community and exploring Israel's most important sites, students gain independence, responsibility and self- and social- awareness in a supervised environment.

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ECC's Bridging Ceremony to feature concert by Gemini

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

Every spring, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) bids a fond farewell to its graduates with a special "bridging to kindergarten" ceremony, and a carnival-like Family Fun Night. Many of the graduates have been at the ECC since they were infants or toddlers; during the bridging, each child traditionally shares what he or she has enjoyed most about preschool.

This spring, on Wednesday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m., the annual bridging ceremony will be particularly special, as the fabulous duo Gemini will be lending their musical talents to the ceremony. Immediately after Gemini participates in the ECC's Bridging ceremony, the entire ECC community is invited to join them for a high-energy, fun-filled family concert. Finally, after the concert at 6 p.m., ECC families will celebrate the end of the school year at Family Fun Night, featuring pizza, a bouncer, icecream, and fun.

The cost for Family Fun Night is $18 per family. For more information about the ECC or to RSVP to Family Fun Night, contact Peretz Hirshbein, director, at ecc@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

It is planting time at ECC

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

As the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) emerged from the long winter into spring, teachers and children turned their attention to planting seeds for the ECC garden. This year, the ECC's teachers tied the annual project of planting seeds in with the ECC's "Trip to Israel." For over a decade, the children of the ECC have been making a "virtual" trip to Israel every spring around the time of Yom Ha'atzmaut. While "in Israel" the children experience different places; this year children visited Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Eilat, Tel Aviv, Tzfat, an archeological dig, the Shuk, and Nahalal (Ann Arbor's partnership community.)

While thinking of ways to make this experience more authentic for children, the ECC teachers decided to collaborate on creating a whole school experience in Nahalal. For one whole morning, children got to milk a cow, make chocolate at the nearby Elite chocolate factory, and plant crops on the farm. They got to preview the cucumbers and tomatoes they planted by making and tasting Israeli salad. The pretend cow was graciously lent to the ECC by GreenStone Farm Credit Services.

The seeds planted during the children's time in Nahalal will be moved into the ECC's garden beds as soon as they have sprouted enough for planting. The crops planted during the visit to Nahalal will be picked and snacked on by ECC children all through the summer.

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ECC teachers and students planting seeds and milking cows while on their "Trip to Israel"

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Camp Raanana prepares for a summer of fun

Shannon Link, special to the WJN

Camp Raanana, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's outdoor summer day camp for children entering grades K–8, is getting ready to kick off another exciting summer.

Located on a beautiful beachfront at Cedar Lake Outdoor Center, Camp Raanana offers a place for campers to explore new interests, gain self-confidence, build Jewish identity, and have fun outside. The camp offers eight one-week sessions and provides swim lessons, arts and crafts, music, nature exploration, archery, sports, free swim, Shabbat celebrations, and weekly special events or all-camp field trips.

New to camp this year is our Outdoor Survival Adventure Program. The Heavner Nature Connection will lead campers through educational outdoor programs each Thursday and Friday. Activities will include boating, fishing, hiking, orienteering and much more. Another exciting addition to camp this year is a Friday bar-b-que, where campers will enjoy kosher or veggie hot dogs.

Camp Raanana will also be hosting the popular Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan for a visit to camp and an evening performance at the JCC on Thursday, July 18. The annual Shabbat at the Lake celebration will be held the evening of Friday, August 2 and will feature performances by all the camper groups.

At Camp Raanana, campers entering grades K–5 enjoy the benefits of experienced and nurturing counselors and enriching activity sessions, including Red Cross swim lessons three times a week. Campers entering grades 6–8 participate in exciting field trips and fun mitzvah projects each week.

This year's camp season will run June 24-August 16; Summer Fun Days are also available from June 17–21 and August 19–23. The registration deadline for Camp Raanana is in June, but some sessions may fill up before that date. Families are encouraged to register in advance to reserve their space. For brochures, registration forms, or more information, visit www.jccannarbor.org or contact camp director Shannon Link at campdirector@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

JCC's Camp Raanana Open House, June 20

All families who are registered for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Camp Raanana are invited to the annual camp open house on Thursday, June 20, from 6–8 p.m. The event will be held at Camp Raanana's private beachfront site at Cedar Lake (2500 Pierce Road, Chelsea). This will be an opportunity for families to tour the campsite, meet the counselors and staff, and enjoy fun activities and a free kosher hot dog or veggie dog dinner with other camp families. For more information or to RSVP, contact Shannon Link at 971-0990 or campdirector@jccfed.org.

Jewish Community Center to offer Summer Fun Days June 17–21 and August 19–23

Shannon Link, special to the WJN

To help bridge the gaps between the school year and camp, the Jewish Community Center will offer Summer Fun Day programs from June 17-21 and August 19–23. Each day will feature a field trip or special activity, plus crafts, games, and gym time or outdoor recess. Students should bring a nut free, dairy lunch and appropriate clothing for playing outside.

The Summer Fun Days are for campers in grades K-5, from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. The cost for each day is $45 for JCC members and $65 for non-members ($5 off for additional siblings). Participants may sign up for one or more days. Participants that register for the entire week of programs will save $25. Afternoon care is available from 4–6 p.m., for an additional $10 fee. Participants may sign up for one or more days.

Programming details and registration forms are available at the JCC and on the website. Registration and payment are due by Friday, May 31 for the June Days and Friday, August 2 for the August days, but spaces may fill up before then. For more information or to register, contact Shannon Link at 971-0990 or campdirector@jccfed.org.

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Op-ed: Israel and the Palestinians

"Justice, justice, shall you pursue." Why does the Torah repeat the word "justice?" Following rabbinic tradition Rabbi Arthur Waskow says, "to teach us to use just means to pursue just ends."

At its birth Israel promised "complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex." We implore Israel and American Jews who care about Israel to call for Israel to return to its founding values. We know this is not an easy task. In Embracing Israel/Palestine: Michael Lerner says "In a region as damaged as Israel/Palestine, a true peace agreement achieved through nonviolent strategies will depend on healing the trauma in the psychological and spiritual life of both peoples who live in that land."

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A small group of Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Jewish Renewal Jews have been reading and discussing Israel's actions and positions in the following books: *The Crisis of Zionism*, by Peter Beinart (2012); *A New Voice for Israel*, by Jeremy Ben-Ami (2011); *The Unmaking of Israel*, by Gershom Gorenberg (2011); and *Embracing Israel/Palestine*, by Michael Lerner (2012)

Gorenberg calls the warning: The ongoing occupation, the fostering of religious extremism, the undercutting of the law by the government itself all threaten Israel's future. In particular, they place its aspiration to democracy deeply at risk…. I believe that the country must change direction… the questions I seek to answer in this book—are how Israel reached this point, and what path it must take from there in order to repair and rebuild itself.

The major issues raised by these books are:

1. Lack of significant discussion within American Jewish organizations where speakers or films which appear to criticize Israel have not been allowed.
2. The issue of state power. Beinart states: "We are not history's permanent victims. Many of our greatest challenges today stem not from weakness but from power. Accepting that the Jewish condition has fundamentally changed requires looking to our tradition for guidance about how Jews should treat the people we rule, not just how we should endure treatment from the people who rule us. Only the establishment of real borders—only the establishment of a Palestinian state—can prevent Israel from becoming a permanent ethnocracy in which Jews rule over millions of stateless, vote-less, right-less people, and in which its own democratic institutions, such as the Supreme Court, are routinely flouted: The struggle for a liberal democratic Zionism, therefore, must also be a struggle to satisfy the Palestinians' national yearning for a state of their own."
3. The continuing and expansions of Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Gorenberg explains that most of these settlements are those of right-wing ultra-Orthodox who believe all the land should belong to Israel, and Palestinians should be moved elsewhere. Gorenberg points out how the financial and construction resources of the state to the settlements is bankrupting the state, and that this is an unfair distribution of resources to all the citizens of Israel. Further, many settlers harass and sometimes kill Palestinians, steal their olives and when they can't steal destroy the trees. Further, the settlements are often set up on land that legally belongs to Palestinian farmers.
4. The meaning of the Holocaust in "particularist" versus "universalist" interpretation: The "universalist" view sees the destruction of the Jews in the Holocaust as a crime against humanity and calls us to be ever vigilant and responsive against such crimes or potential crimes. The Israeli Occupation, as seen in the recent Academy Award nominated film, *The Gatekeepers*, clearly portrays the abusive treatment of Palestinians, and Jewish tradition requires us to protest such treatment. Beinart describes the arrest of a Palestinian man for stealing water: "While settlements often boast swimming pools and intensive irrigation systems, Palestinians fall far below the World Health Organization's recommended daily water consumption rate."

   The "particularist" view of the Holocaust is that it was a crime against the Jews, and therefore Jews should always put priority on "what's good for the Jews." One of the problems with this thinking is that it makes injustice and persecution acceptable in its interpretations, and ignores the suffering of many other groups throughout history

   Gorenberg tells us what Diaspora Jews should give Israel: now, immediately, without waiting—is a reminder that we were strangers in Egypt, in Russia and Germany, even in America. They can remind Israelis of the urgency that the minority experience gives to liberal values. They can support organizations in Israel, as they do in the Diaspora, that advocate human rights and the separation of religion and state. They can help fund institutions that Judaism as it deserves to be taught, as a faith that deepens respect of every human being. Instead of pretending that Israel is the country they want it to be, or giving up on it because it is not they can help make it that country.

This writing is an invitation and challenge to the entire Jewish community to consider these crucial issues. Important avenues for these discussions include articles in the *Washtenaw Jewish News*, Jewish presenters at the Jewish Book Fair (perhaps Peter Beinart on his book *The Crisis of Zionism*), and films in the Jewish Film Festival. ■

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Op-ed: How *shmitta* can help us kick the consumerist habit

By Sarah Chandler

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. (JTA)—Judaism is designed to be a person's operating system, the platform on which other areas of one's life functions. But for many Jews, religious practice sits on a shelf alongside theater subscriptions, gym memberships and soccer practice, relegated to one of many offerings from which we can pick and choose.

For Jewish educators like myself, this mindset poses particular challenges, forcing us to adopt the tactics of public relations agencies to induce Jews to participate in Jewish life. Why can't these opportunities speak for themselves? Why do people have to be convinced to take a Hebrew class, attend Shabbat services or drop in on a lecture?

Partly, of course, it's an issue of time. Lots of people might want more Jewishness in their lives, but work, family and other commitments end up taking precedence. Even in the best-case scenario, when people do show up for Hebrew school, committee meetings or worship services, many are unable to leave their consumerist addictions at the door.

They may sincerely want to achieve something—learn a new skill, be inspired by a rabbi's talk or approve next year's budget—yet they instinctively rely on "experts" to package Judaism for them. The cult of achievement seeps into everything. Leaders steeped in the ethos of corporate America expect flawless execution at meetings. Parents pushing their kids on the fast track are never satisfied with the rate of their children's Hebrew acquisition.

What if, instead of being just one more place to look for "more" and "better," Jewish life could be an escape from this compulsion? What if, instead of being just one more place to "get it done," Jewish life could be the place Jews awoke to gratitude for what they have in each moment?

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The ancient Jewish practice of *shmitta*, the biblically mandated sabbatical year of rest and release that begins in September 2014, offers one way to roll back this trend.

At its core, *shmitta* is a chance to show contemporary Jews that ancient Jewish texts have the potential to serve as a sophisticated map for many areas of their lives, not just occasional events in particular buildings. But it is also a way to induce individual Jews to take more responsibility both for their personal consumption habits and shaping the contours of their spiritual lives.

Traditionally, *shmitta* was a time when farmers did not cultivate their lands, debts were forgiven and slaves were set free. In a contemporary context, when most of us are neither farmers nor slaves, we can see this year not only as a chance to restore balance and share more equitably, but to release ourselves from the mentality that sees everything in the world—from natural resources to Jewish communal ones—as one more set of things to be consumed. Anyone looking to revive their communities, spend more time with family and friends or even live more simply can take inspiration from the concept of *shmitta*.

Hazon, a national Jewish organization promoting sustainability, is part of a coalition of eco-minded Jewish projects planning a series of initiatives in anticipation of the next *shmitta* year. Taking our cues from the transition town movement, a social experiment that focuses on economic localization and sustainable agriculture, the Shmita Project seeks to revive the ancient teachings of the sabbatical cycle and apply them to our times. Bringing these principles alive is our next best shot to counter the consumerist impulse from within the Jewish tradition, all the while supporting the environment, our communities and ourselves.

Jewish texts explain that during the shmitta year, land owners would take down their fences so that the poor and animals could take freely from the crops. Today we might consider which resources from our "fields" we can offer to others. We could literally feed the hungry, or give of ourselves in other ways, through volunteering, pro bono work or other collaborative community projects.

Shmita also calls upon us to release debts and take time off from work. Today, communities might consider setting up a "degrowth" plan in recognition of the fact that we are living beyond the capacities of the ecosystem. The Worldwatch Institue cites studies in Europe that indicate cutting back from a work week of more than 50 hours actually would create jobs.

My hope is that such efforts will result not only in people taking a closer look at how economic sustainability might work in their communities, but also in individuals taking greater responsibility for personal consumption habits and relieving themselves of the expectation that others will perform Jewish practice on their behalf. Rather than criticizing the failings of our institutional leaders, we can take active roles in revitalizing Jewish life—and local economic and environmental systems—as co-creators. In turn, we can begin to discharge the consumerist tendency from our communal life.

Parshat Behar, the Torah portion that contains the injunction to observe *shmitta*, falls this year on May 3-4. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share *shmitta* educational and experiential offerings in your local synagogue, school, community center, community garden.

Imagine the Jewish community digging into these ancient texts about *shmitta* and renewing them for modern times. Imagine disaffected Jews igniting change through community organizing inspired by Torah.

How will you integrate *shmitta* principles into your personal and communal life by September 2014? Join us on the journey. ■

Sarah Chandler, the director of earth-based spiritual practice for Hazon's Adamah Farm at Isabella Freedman, is a Jewish experiential educator, community activist and spiritual leader.)

Amid rising Islamism in Africa, Israel-Senegal ties still flourishing

By Cnaan Liphshiz

DAKAR, Senegal (JTA)—Struggling to be heard over a flock of bleating sheep, Israel's ambassador to Senegal invites a crowd of impoverished Muslims to help themselves to about 100 sacrificial animals that the embassy corralled at a dusty community center here.

The October distribution, held as French troops battled Islamists in neighboring Mali and one month after Muslim radicals killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya, is held annually in honor of Tabaski, the local name of the Muslim Eid al-Adha feast. The distribution is broadcast on national television in a land that is 95 percent Muslim, providing Israel with a powerful platform to burnish its image among Senegalese.

"It registers very strongly with locals that Israelis give them sheep for a Muslim holiday while most Arab embassies do nothing," said Eli Ben-Tura, the Israeli ambassador.

The animals are just part of the millions that Israel has spent over the years in Senegal, a French-speaking Western African nation of 12 million where the average monthly salary is $158. In return, Senegal has supported Israel's erection of a barrier to protect itself from Palestinian terrorism and, in December, signed over oil prospecting rights in its territorial waters to an Israeli-owned mining company.

Over the past decade, Israel's trade with Senegal has more than tripled. "Like Israel, Senegal is an island of stability in an unstable region," Ben-Tura told JTA in an interview last week at the Israeli Embassy overlooking Independence Plaza in Dakar, the capital city. The importance Israel places on its partnership with Senegal was evident in Ben-Tura's speech on April 30 at Israel's 65th Independence Day celebration at the Grand Theatre National, a magnificent structure built with Chinese funding in 2011 near Dakar's main port.

Speaking to an audience of 1,000, Ben-Tura listed Israel's latest gifts to the country: training for hundreds of farmers; preparations to train thousands more by Israeli experts stationed in the country; and the establishment of a permanent depot for agricultural equipment and disease control.

Even intercultural activities have not been overlooked. After speeches by Ben-Tura and Mamadou Talla, Senegal's minister of professional training, Israel Ballet artistic director Ido Tadmor and 40 local artists performed a modern dance routine featuring tea cups. Dozens of onlookers avidly recorded their every move on smartphones. "Cultural exchange with Africa has been neglected for too long," Ben-Tura said.

Yet beneath this seemingly symbiotic partnership may be a deeper concern. Mali, which used to be part of a federal entity with Senegal, last year witnessed an Islamic insurgency so powerful that French troops were called in to quell it. Some 475,000 people became refugees, many of them in Senegal. Some observers believe Senegal is wooing Israel and the West mainly for protection from the Islamic upheaval.

"The effects of the insurgency are not felt here for the time being," said Oleg Sergeev, minister-counselor of the Russian Embassy in Dakar. "But the Senegalese authorities are turning westward out of concern over the possibility that the Mali insurgency may be trickling over."

As an impoverished Muslim nation heavily dependent on foreign aid, Senegal must toe a careful line in its embrace of the Jewish state. Anti-Semitic books with titles such as "Hitler the Zionist Puppet" are sold here at bookstands and in 2009, several hundred people burned an Israeli flag at a rally to protest Israel's Operation Cast Lead in Gaza.

The Senegalese government, then chair of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, condemned the attack as "unjustified and unacceptable." Still, the government's condemnations never went beyond words. "It was a very strong reaction, but it didn't have an impact on diplomatic relations," said Christian Clages, the German ambassador to Senegal.

Senegalese officials declined to address the reasons for their country's closeness with Israel. But observers attribute it variously to the country's moderate brand of Islam, its relative openness to the West and its past disillusionment with Arab regimes. In 1973, under pressure from Arab countries, Senegal severed its ties with Israel.

"The Arabs threatened sanctions and promised free oil but never delivered, to the bitter disappointment of the Senegalese," said Zvi Mazel, a former Israeli Foreign Ministry official who negotiated the restoration of diplomatic relations in 1994.

Senegalese moderation was on display in 2012 when Jamra, one of the country's leading Islamic associations, protested the release of an anti-Muslim film, "The Innocence of Muslims." The online video triggered violent protests around the world, but in Senegal, it led to the first meeting between Jamra and the Israeli Embassy.

Jamra's executive president, Imam Massamba Diop, told JTA he learned in his November meeting with Ben-Tura that Israel had nothing to do with the film. And despite his organization's generally pro-Palestinian posture—it considers Israel's blockade on Gaza illegal and organizes pro-Palestinian activities in Dakar—Diop supports his government's friendly relations with Israel. "The Senegalese people deeply appreciate the event," Diop said of the embassy's sheep distribution.

Another Senegalese Muslim leader, Sheikh Paye, arrived at the Israel Independence Day celebration in a shiny, traditional white-and-gold imam robe. A spiritual leader in one of Dakar's 19 neighborhoods, Paye told JTA that his attachment to Israel stems neither from gratitude for its largesse nor considerations of realpolitik.

"My late father used to be a good friend of several Israeli ambassadors here," Paye said. "He died three months ago, shortly before the Israeli Embassy's invitation arrived. It's an honor to represent him here to people from a country he loved but never visited."■

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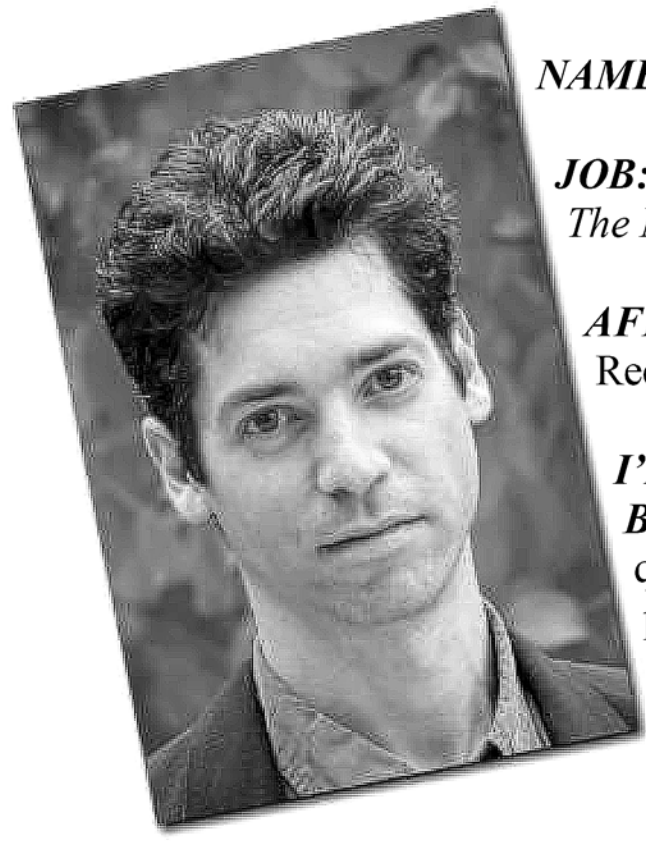

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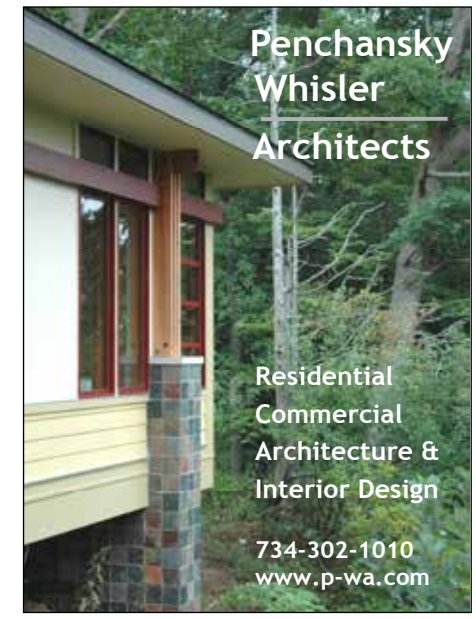

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Lisa Schroeder, Portland's unofficial Jewish mother-in-chief

By Gil Shefler

PORTLAND, Ore. (JTA)—It's brunch time at Mother's Bistro & Bar and owner-chef Lisa Schroeder has a small crisis on her hands involving the accidental defenestration of a busboy.

Moments earlier, a server had tripped and gone flying through one of the restaurant's large picture windows. Shattered glass covered the pavement outside, where the hapless staffer was being treated for a nasty gash by an ambulance crew. Meanwhile, dozens of undeterred diners were waiting to be seated.

"What's a big piece of glass in somebody's back?!" Schroeder bellowed in thick Brooklynese, trying to make light of the situation. "Let me show you to your table," she told a waiting party.

A few minutes later, the busboy was patched up, a heavy curtain was wrapped around the empty space where the window used to be and the steady ebb and flow of customers returned to normal. It's all in a day's work for Portland's unofficial Jewish mother in chief.

Since opening Mother's in 2000, Schroeder has won several accolades for her clever take on classic comfort food, including being named national restaurateur of the year in January by Independent Restaurateur magazine. Along with Ken Gordon of Kenny and Zuke's deli and Scott Snyder, who serves up Sephardic cuisine at his restaurant Levant, Schroeder is one of several Jewish chefs to become fixtures in Portland's acclaimed culinary scene.

The Jewishness of Mother's is conceptual rather than culinary, revolving around the time-honored Mosaic tradition of mother worship. Yes, she serves chopped liver ("my mother's recipe") and matzah ball soup ("we finally figured out how to make them light after 13 years"),

Lisa Schroeder

but she also offers biscuits and gravy, crab cake, pork loin and steak frites.

"If a mother would make it, we serve it," said Schroeder, 55. "Our stir fry we got from a Thai mother and we serve that."

Each month, the restaurant selects an M.O.M., a mother of the month, who submits several recipes included on the menu. April's M.O.M. was Laurie Goldrich Wolf, a local food writer and one of a growing community of Jewish transplants to this city.

The path to Schroeder's becoming one of Portland's most celebrated chefs was somewhat serendipitous. Born and raised in Philadelphia, she moved to Israel with her ex-husband in the 1970s right after high school. By 1979 she was done, driven home by the challenges of making a living in the Jewish state and the election of right-wing Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

At 33, Schroeder decided her true passion lay in cooking, so she enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America campus in upstate New York.

"I always knew I wanted to open up a a restaurant called Mother's," she said. "Back in '92, when I was working in marketing, I realized the world needed a place that served mother food. Everything I did for eight years was with this in mind."

Schroeder honed her kitchen skills at Le Cirque in Manhattan and several eateries in Provence, France. Eventually she met a Portland man and, after coming out for a visit, decided it was the perfect place for her. "They didn't have motherly cooking or comfort food restaurants, and it was easy being a big fish in a small pond," Schroeder said.

When she isn't running Mother's, Schroeder can be found dispensing advice at Burning Man, the annual arts festival and bohemian bacchanal in the Nevada desert, where she goes by the name Mamaweitz. Many festival goers, or Burners, assume alter egos during the event. Schroeder's wasn't difficult to come up with.

"What am I secretly? I'm a Jewish mother," she said. "Everybody needs a mother, only sometimes not their own. They need someone wise, who's been around. I set up my booth at Burning Man and the kids come to me with their burning questions."

More than a decade after its opening, Mother's has expanded into an adjacent store. Schroeder's family has expanded, too. She's not just a mother anymore but a grandmother to four.

Despite her multigenerational family and stature as something of a Portland institution, Schroeder says her peripatetic life has made her feel like a perpetual stranger.

"As a Jew in the Diaspora, I really got to be honest with you, I don't feel any place is home home," she said. "I used to feel New York was home and I kept on going to visit after I moved, needing that New York fix. But not anymore." Now it feels like a big mall to her. "I guess home will always be Israel," she said wistfully.

Despite the Zionist tug, Schroeder has no plans to move back, even though it's been more than three decades since Begin occupied the premier's residence.

"Come on guys, it's a mess," she said of the situation in the Middle East, snapping out her contemplative reverie and returning to her outspoken self. "We got to get it together." ■

Amid population surge, Portland's Jewish leaders try to lure the young and hip

By Gil Shefler

PORTLAND, Ore. (JTA)—Jessica Bettelheim, a business ethics lecturer at Portland State University and a young Jewish mother, has little time to spare on weekends. Like other professionals her age, she's busy bonding with her husband and 4-year-old daughter, meeting friends at one of Portland's many fine restaurants or gardening, a favorite pastime in this verdant metropolis known as the City of Roses.

So when Bettelheim received an email from the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland last month advertising Food for Thought, a festival that included a tour of the Portland Art Museum, she put it on her maybe list.

"The only event that was appealing was the art walk," she said over coffee during an interview jammed between dropping off her daughter at day care and delivering a lecture at the university. "I might check it out."

Things came up, however, and she didn't.

It was a near miss for the local Jewish federation, which has been trying to engage unaffiliated Jews like the Bettelheims ever since a demographic study came out in 2010 showing Portland with about 47,000 Jews—twice as many as previously thought.

The profile of these mysterious Jewish arrivals is murky, as the study provided few details about them. It is widely hypothesized, however, that they are young, secular, liberal transplants from the coasts lured by professional opportunities at major multinationals such as Nike and Intel, or by the city's casual lifestyle and famed weirdness. Portland, as the joke has it, is where young people go to retire.

The Bettelheims moved from New York in 2009, drawn by the promise of a less pressured lifestyle. The couple routinely hold Shabbat dinners and observe the High Holidays, but they haven't taken part in any organized religious activities.

"We get home around 5 or 6 on Friday," Bettelheim said. "The last thing I want to do is drive to the west side and go to shul."

Jodi Berris, who works at Nike's sprawling headquarters in nearby Beaverton and organizes gatherings for young Jewish adults, says she's been trying to involve an unaffiliated colleague of hers for years, thus far unsuccessfully.

"It's not part of her life," Berris said. "Still, the survey counts her, her non-Jewish husband and all three kids as Jewish."

Portland's Jewish establishment is eager to bring these elusive newcomers into the fold with events like Food for Thought, which featured a smorgasbord of cultural events including a tour of a historically Jewish neighborhood, a party for Israel's Independence Day and a latkes-hamentashen debate in which the the merits of sweet and savory Jewish dishes were considered (latkes won).

After the survey was released, the federation allocated hundreds of thousands of dollars for engagement events, applied for outreach grants and brought in a Jewish Agency for Israel youth emissary.

"We don't want one-shot deals, we want lifelong involvement in the Jewish community however way they want."

"We don't want one-shot deals," Marc Blattner, the federation's president and CEO, told JTA. "We want lifelong involvement in the Jewish community however way they want."

Last week, hundreds of well-dressed party goers attended Food for Thought's opening ceremony at the Portland Art Museum. Federation donors noshed on mini salmon burgers, drank champagne and mingled at a reception preceding the main event. Later, Jewish comedians David Steinberg and David Javerbaum regaled the audience with stories about working with comedic greats such as Jon Stewart, Larry David and the late Johnny Carson.

The event had a solid turnout—but the crowd was predominantly elderly, not the sought-after newcomer demographic.

"The Jewish youth and Jewish adult communities seem to be two completely separate entities that want nothing to do with each other," said Justin Chilton, 25, one of the few younger people at the event. "Trying to bridge that gap is really weird and seemingly weirdly impossible."

One challenge is geographic. Nearly all the community's institutions are west of the Willamette River, while most of the unaffiliated Jews are believed to be on the city's hipper east side.

That is beginning to change. Shir Tikvah, a progressive synagogue, was the first Jewish place of worship to open on the east side of Portland. Chabad recently followed suit with a new outreach center in the trendy northeast. Meanwhile, Blattner said the Federation is considering opening a Jewish day care center there.

"The river becomes a barrier to people," Blattner said. "We do not have formalized Jewish institutions on the east side of town, but we're in discussions about that and the No. 1 thing we're looking into is a Jewish preschool."

It's unclear whether enough east siders are prepared to spend on the funding needed for such an endeavor, but Blattner hopes events like Food for Thought might plant the seeds for change. If not, and the gathering speaks only to the core group of committed Jews in Portland, he's fine with that, too.

"I hope that [the Jewish newcomers to Portland] know that when they do decide to come to the Jewish community," Blattner said, "we will be waiting here with our hands open." ■

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David Grossman, Israel's muse, tells powerful stories

Rachel Urist, staff writer

David Grossman is often called "Israel's muse." His most recent book, the 2008 *To the End of the Land*, received glowing reviews. The literal translation of the Hebrew title, "*Isha Borachat Mib'sora*," is: "A Woman Flees from a Message." Ora, the woman of the title, walks the Israel Trail—Israel's version of the Appalachian trail—in the superstitious hope that if she remains unreachable, she will prevent bad news. Her soldier son has just been called to the front.

In 2006, midway through the writing of his book, Grossman, too, walked the Israel Trail. He, too, dreaded bad tidings. His middle child, Uri, was finishing up his military service and had just been sent into Lebanon. Like his fictional Ora, Grossman hoped to shield his son from harm. But Uri Grossman was killed. He was 20 years old.

I can no longer read anything by Grossman without thinking about his personal loss and his ongoing crusade for peace with the Palestinians. Others can judge the book primarily on its literary merits. The Irish writer, Colm Toibin, rhapsodized over *To the End of the Land* in his *NYTimes* book review. *The New Yorker*'s George Packer lionized David Grossman in a profile he wrote soon after this book came out. The American Jewish writer, Nicole Krauss, wrote what some call the most laudatory blurb ever penned. It reads, in part:

> *Very rarely, a few times in a lifetime, you open a book and when you close it again nothing can ever be the same. To the End of the Land is a book of this magnitude. David Grossman may be the most gifted writer I've ever read; gifted not just because of his imagination, his energy, his originality, but because he has access to the unutterable, because he can look inside a person and discover the unique essence of her humanity. For twenty-six years he has been writing novels about what it means to defend this essence, this unique light, against a world designed to extinguish it. To the End of the Land is his most powerful, shattering, and unflinching story of this defense.*

I love Grossman's writing, but the book I would like to recommend in this review is an earlier novel, *Someone To Run With*. Published in English 2004, it captures the complexities of adolescence, a time of life that provides the fuel for Grossman's lyrical and suspenseful storytelling. The compelling principal characters, Assaf and Tamar, are both 16. They emerge in a telescoped set of tales that become a kaleidoscope of longing and anxiety. The teens criss-cross Jerusalem neighborhoods and beyond. Landscapes are vividly rendered. In the end, the young people secure both peace and love.

The book begins with an exquisite description of Assaf pulled through Jerusalem streets by a dog. Assaf is assigned to find the dog's owner after the dog is brought to the kennel where Assaf has a summer job. The dog, Dinka, is a fierce, female, golden Labrador retriever who frightens most people but warms to the boy. Assaf and Dinka take to the streets and soon find themselves on a wild goose chase. Grossman's chase scene offers examples of the lyrical prose for which he is so admired. He writes:

A long rope connects the two and gets tangled in the legs of passersby, who grumble and gripe, and the boy mutters 'Sorry, sorry' again and again. …And the dog keeps

David Grossman

running. It flies on, crossing busy streets, running red lights. … Assaf continues to run ahead while his thoughts remain tangled far behind him. He doesn't want to think them, he needs to concentrate completely on his race after the dog, but he feels them clanging behind him like tin cans … clanging, they bang against each other in his mind—and at the end of the string drags one that's been following him for two weeks now, and the tinny noise is driving him out of his mind… Assaf knows he has to stop for a minute, has to call these maddening tin followers to order, but the dog has other plans.

Dinka heads to the city's seamier sections, to its criminal element, the disaffected, the destitute. Readers who want to hear only about Israel as the land of milk and honey might balk at this book. Those willing to follow the story across a spectrum of Israeli life can have no better guide than this astonishing writer.

Grossman presents us with an Israeli Mafia don named Pesach Bet Ha Levi. His henchmen, the "bulldogs" Shishko and Miko, would be a credit to the cast of The Sopranos. In time, the dog finds its owner, Tamar, who has been on her own quest. She has hunted down her brother, a skilled guitar player and drug addict who is indentured to this gang of Mafiosi, who feed on the talents of street performers.

Tamar's singing makes it possible for her to secure her own place his hostel, otherwise known as the "artists' retreat." In fact, it is an abandoned hospital, transformed by Pesach and his henchmen into a prison, where he holds his young buskers. They are musicians, poets, dancers and gymnasts on the run from life. They are talent incarnate, and they draw the crowds whose pockets are picked clean by Pesach's henchmen. "Sheli" one of the artists, has befriended Tamar. Sheli's name means "mine." She reveals that she was, essentially, dubbed her mother's possession at birth. Grossman infuses the book with ruminations on the foibles and liabilities of parenting and many matters. Assaf, for instance, feels a sense of shock by "the thought that in order to perform the hardest, most important profession, that of parenting, you don't have to get the approval of any entrance committee, or even pass a minimal exam for certification."

Some of Grossman's ruminations are commentaries on the Israeli occupation. Others are sad observations on personal interactions. Relationships in this book run the continuum from exploitation to selfless devotion. The virtues of friendship and loyalty are reflected in the loving relationships between the dog and those who care for her.. Dinka both leads and follows. She protects and threatens. She sniffs her way into favor and can scent her target from miles away. Like Dinka, Assaf and Tamar hear silent calls, and they discover that they, too, can love unconditionally..

Drawn to Dinka, Assaf feels himself drawn to the owner, Tamar. Grossman writes:

> *In the middle of the night, he felt a big warm body tossing the covers around and cuddling up to him. Without opening his eyes, as if it had always been like this, he hugged her, learning from her how she liked to sleep, curling over into a crescent, pushing her back into his stomach, her nose softly blowing into his open palm. Every once in a while she shivered, as if she were dreaming about a hunt. In the morning, the two of them opened their eyes and smiled at each other. … As he rode [his bike] through the clear early morning, Assaf was happy. She bounded along by his side, now close, now farther away, all the while giving loving looks. … He let her lead, of course. He had already learned it was the best thing. …she abruptly switched direction. Assaf saw how it happened to her: her nose received a particle of information, one of the thousands of smells and memories filling the air. One of them broadcast a message to her with a stronger signal than the others. She stopped, returned to the spot where she had sensed it, stood and inhaled it; she decoded it inside the dark cell of her nose. She then burst forward into a new direction, running with all her might.*

Some have likened this book to a fairy tale. It's been called magical. Others speak of its allegorical significance; the oppressed find freedom, and love prevails. Whether taken at face value or as a sign of larger themes, the story's impact is powerful.

Grossman won many prizes for this book: the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction, the Sapir Prize for Literature, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/To_the_End_of_the_Land - cite_note-2the Jewish Quarterly Wingate Literary Prize, the Prix Médicis étranger award (for the novel's French translation, Une Femme Fuyant L'Annonce), and Germany's Buxtehuder Bulle. ■

Rabbi Peter K. Gluck honored for Martial Arts work

Sooji Min, special To the WJN

Rabbi Peter K. Gluck, PhD, MSW, a resident of Ann Arbor of 20 years and rabbi of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton, was honored on April 20 when he was inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Rabbi Gluck was designated "Innovator of the Year" for his ground breaking work linking food energetics, known as "gu chi" in Eastern thought, with the martial arts.

Believed to be the only American rabbi to receive such an honor, Rabbi Gluck has studied the martial arts for over 17 years. He got his start here in Ann Arbor at Keith Hafners Karate. He has received black belt ranking in Tae Kwon Do, Ryukyu Kempo and Kiai Jitsu. He is currently studying Taiji at the Sun-Shen School in Ann Arbor.

"I was honored to receive such an award," Rabbi Gluck said. "As most practitioners know, the martial arts mean much more than kicking and punching. They are about self-awareness, self-development, and, yes, self-defense."

For the past seven years Rabbi Gluck has taught an afternoon class at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, as well as at the JCC's summer camp. "My hope was always to link East and West," he said. "I have lived in Jerusalem and trained at the Shaolin Temple in China. I attempt to brink together two great spiritual traditions of the world that call upon people to discipline themselves and act in accordance with the 'O'ne."

He added, "Jews have always reached out to find wisdom in other cultures. When the cultural wall between China and the West came down, Jews were among the first to discover the advantages of acupuncture, a system of healing based on Daoist philosophy. At its heart, Daoism is really a philosophical science that has withstood the test of time. It is also the system behind the earliest martial arts. There is much wisdom to be found there that adds to my Jewish perspective."

Gluck is planning to offer more classes. He calls his art "Shalom Gever," or "Peaceful Warrior." "I teach kids that we start with peaceful feelings within ourselves, based on a sense of completeness and wholeness. We then extend that to others around us, and to our world. We start with meditation and end with robust physical activity. It is amazing to see the kids 'get it' in the 'now' of the class. It is amazing when they can repeat it back to you, and demonstrate it. There is a real sense of accomplishment."

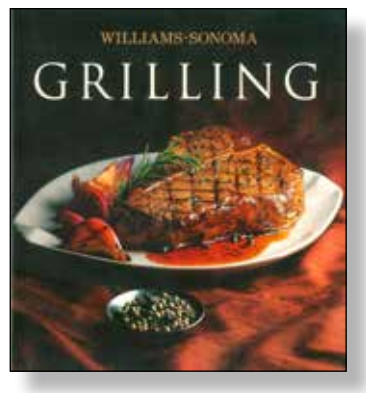
For further information on classes and seminars for adults and children, contact Rabbi Gluck at ShalomGever2@gmail.com.

Summer barbecue time

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

Summer is almost here. That means it's time to haul out the grills, unless you're one of those dedicated souls who will wear a parka and boots and cook outdoors in the snow, never putting any of the equipment away for the winter.

There are, indeed, folks who take their barbecue very seriously - they have industrial grills and smokers, devote themselves to perfecting spice rubs and mopping sauces, and many even travel around the country competing on teams. The Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue Contest, considered to be the world's most prestigious barbecue competition, features categories ranging from beef brisket to pork ribs to dessert. Memphis in May, an annual festival, boasts a famous World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest at which "Hundreds of teams compete for over $110,000 in prizes and supreme bragging rights". It is also known as "The Super Bowl of Swine."



Instead of making plans to head to Memphis in the spring, though, to experience this culinary and sensory overload, I need to take a trip down South for the ASBEE World Kosher BBQ Championship held each October. "In a city where *treif* BBQ restaurants far outnumber synagogues, it was only natural that a creative team at the oldest, Jewish Orthodox congregation in the Mid-South, Anshei Sphard-Beth El Emeth (ASBEE), decided twenty-four years ago to offer a kosher alternative to the long-standing Memphis BBQ contest of the swine variety." A fabulous blending of two traditions!

But there is also an entire kosher barbecue circuit ... who knew? I only just found this out recently, and am wondering why no one shared such a tantalizing tidbit with me before this. I had only been aware of the one competition, but now I'm daydreaming of touring from one food fest to another - a barbecue groupie, rather than one following a band. My dreams also now involve Atlanta, Kansas City, Long Island, and Birmingham, Alabama.

The Atlanta Kosher BBQ Competition will hold its second contest in October, featuring cooking contests as well as hot dog and pickle eating competitions. Congregation B'nai Torah offers charming Southern hospitality by hosting the party, welcoming everyone: "You do not have to be Jewish or kosher to join us - just be willing to have a great time and to enjoy some award-winning barbeque!"

The Kansas City Vaad Kosher Barbecue Festival takes place in August, in a locale "with more than 100 barbecue restaurants in the metropolitan area. The specific breed of barbecue known as 'Kansas City style' centers on slow-smoked meats with a thick tomato-and-molasses-based sauce." One of the festival's goals "is to educate the Kansas City community about the meaning and deeper significance of 'kosher,' the Jewish dietary standards that go beyond simply proscribing certain foods or separating milk from meat".

The Long Island Kosher BBQ Championship, celebrating its second year this month, "brings an iconic aspect of American culture—team barbecue competition—to Long Island's Jewish community… (and) is for both barbecue enthusiasts as well as casual backyard grillers". Prizes are awarded for Best Brisket, Best Ribs, Best Chicken, Best Beans, Most Original Team Name, and Best Booth Decoration. And because health regulations prevent attendees from eating competitors' food, The Cowsher Café is ready to feed hungry guests.

The one I find most amusing, of course, is When Pigs Fly! - the cook-off just held in Birmingham a few weeks ago. Team names have included Hava Nagrilla, Kotel Kookers, and The Bris Cuts. One of the primary sponsors is the Piggly Wiggly grocery store.

As Andy Husbands and Chris Hart—2010 champions at the Jack Daniels competition, with their team iQue—write in *Wicked Good Barbecue: Fearless Recipes from Two Damn Yankees Who Won the Biggest, Baddest BBQ Competition in the World*: "In the world of food television, blogs, chat rooms, and publications, where it's not uncommon for people to photograph their every meal, then beam the shots over the Internet, these same folks are taking the time to seek out the best ingredients they can find.... This same food revolution has spilled over into the world of barbecue and live-fire cooking. Inspired barbecue enthusiasts travel miles for that perfect (item) they read about on an online forum. They trade recipes and tips online. And they spend hours, sometimes days, making the ultimate dish. Then making it again, and again, and again... until they get it right.

"Discussions of barbecue can get pretty heated, with passions running high over what constitutes 'true' barbecue. In the eastern parts of North Carolina, for example, barbecue is whole hog with vinegar-based sauce; head to the western parts of the state, though, and it's pork shoulder with a bit of tomato added to the sauce. Texas is all about beef, salt, pepper, post oak, and not much else; sauce is discouraged. Kansas City features one of our favorites: burnt ends. In Kentucky, the local specialty is slow-cooked mutton served with vinegar dip. In Memphis, you will be eating pork ribs, either slathered in sweet barbecue sauce or 'dry,' with only a spice rub for seasoning .... As far as we're concerned, if it's meat, and it's cooked over fire and smoke at low heat, it's barbecue."

We don't all have fancy equipment or the time and money (or, in my case, patience) to devote to this passion; true barbecuing requires long, slow cooking and a lot of love. But we can still put our backyard grills to use and serve some amazing dishes with fabulous flavor. The recipes I've chosen for your summer feasting come from *Williams-Sonoma Grilling* by Denis Kelly.

ASBEE World Championship Barbecue Competition: asbeekosherbbq.com
Atlanta Kosher BBQ Competition: atlantakosherbbq.com
Kansas City Vaad Kosher Barbecue Festival: kckosherbbq.com
Long Island Kosher BBQ Championship: likosherbbq.org
When Pigs Fly Kosher BBQ Cook-off and Festival: whenpigsflykosherbbq.com

Grilled Chicken with Herb Rub

"Rubs are dry mixtures of herbs and spices, sprinkled or pressed onto food to flavor it. They can be applied just before grilling or several hours earlier so the food has more time to absorb the rub's flavors. To help a rub adhere, the food may be lightly coated with oil before it is applied."

For the Herb Rub:
- 2 tablespoons sweet paprika
- 2 tablespoons ground sage
- 1 tablespoon dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large chicken, cut into serving pieces
- oil, for coating

Prepare a charcoal or gas grill for grilling over medium-high heat and oil the grill rack.

To make the herb rub, mix together the paprika, sage, rosemary, garlic powder, cayenne, salt, and black pepper in a small bowl. Coat the chicken with oil and sprinkle generously with the herb rub.

Grill the chicken directly over medium-high heat, turning often, until the pieces are well browned, 6-10 minutes total. Move the chicken to cooler spots on the grill if flare-ups occur. Transfer the pieces to the unheated portion of the grill, cover the grill, and continue to cook. After 15 minutes, check for doneness by cutting into the chicken at the thickest part or testing with an instant-read thermometer; the chicken should show no sign of pink and it should reach at least 160° on the thermometer. Continue cooking chicken as needed, up to 10 more minutes, but be careful not to overcook. As the pieces finish cooking, transfer them to a platter and cover loosely with aluminum foil until ready to serve.

Makes 6-8 servings.

Grilled Corn on the Cob with Chipotle Butter

"Always try to find the freshest corn available and grill it on the day you purchase it. You can grill corn with the husks already removed for a crunchy, lightly smoky flavor, or open up the husks, remove the silk, and rewrap the cobs in the husks for more sublte flavor and texture."

- 4 ears of corn, shucked
- Vegetable oil, for coating
- salt and freshly ground pepper

For the Chipotle Butter:
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, at room temperature
- 2 chipotles in adobo sauce

Prepare a charcoal or gas grill for grilling over medium-high heat and oil the grill rack.

Coat each ear of corn with oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

To make the chipotle butter: with a fork, mix together the butter or margarine with the chipotles in a small bowl. Set aside.

Grill the corn directly over medium-high heat, turning often, until lightly grill-marked and tender, 8-10 minutes total. Transfer the corn to a platter, season to taste with additional salt and pepper, and top with chipotle butter before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

Grilled Pears with Raspberry Grand Marnier Sauce

"Fruits of all kinds can be successfully grilled .... Use firm fruit, as softer fruit can quickly turn mushy. Ice cream, mascarpone, and fruit sauce are all wonderful to serve alongside grilled fruit."

- Vegetable oil, for coating
- 4 Bosc, Anjou, or other firm pears
- 1 lemon, halved crosswise
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- vanilla ice cream, for serving (optional)

For the Sauce:
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon Grand Marnier or fresh orange juice

Prepare a charcoal or gas grill for grilling over medium-high heat and oil the grill rack.

Cut the pears in half lengthwise and remove the cores. Squeeze the lemon over the cut sides of the pears to prevent browning. In a shallow bowl, stir together the sugar and cinnamon. Dip the cut sides of the pears in the cinnamon sugar.

Grill the pears, cut side down, directly over medium-high heat until the fruit is grill-marked and the sugar is caramelized, 2–4 minutes. Using a spatula, turn the pears and grill until tender and heated through, 3–4 minutes. If the pears start to char, move them to a cooler part of the grill to cook.

To make the sauce, combine the raspberries and honey in a bowl. Mash the raspberries lightly with a fork and stir in the liqueur or juice.

Serve the pears topped with the raspberry sauce and with a scoop of vanilla ice cream alongside, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

June 2013

Saturday 1

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

The Learner's Service: AARC. Final monthly session of this series, led by rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia with interactive discussions on Jewish historical, geographical and political traditions. This session will include participants' original compositions. Visit aarecon.org or phone 445-1910 for more information. At the JCC. 10 a.m.–noon.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 2

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Every Sunday.*

Mom2Mom Sale: JCC. New and gently used children's items will be offered for sale by the JCC's PTO. Baby and kids clothing, toys and homemade crafts available for purchase. 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Spring Into Summer: Jewish Women's Circle. Open House luncheon mixer on the patio at Chabad House, with salads by Shternie Zweibel. In case of rain, will be moved indoors. $10/per person. $20 with childcare. RSVP by email to goblue1800@gmail.com. 1:30–3 p.m.

Monday 3

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon on Mondays–Fridays and 1–3 p.m. on Mondays–Thursdays at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email andre@jfsannarbor.org. *Ongoing.*

Tuesday 4

Ancient Tales Reveal Mysteries of Life: Chabad. Explore mystical dimension of the Talmud called the *Aggadah* to uncover profound wisdom from some of the zaniest and most epic legends. Unravel layers of personal meaning from the texts not usually available to non-scholars. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SPICE: JCC Seniors. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar, $4 per session. 11 a.m.; Dairy Lunch Buffet, $3, Noon. Mahjong, sewing and quilting. 1 p.m.

Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367.

Hebrew 104: TBE. 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

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Birthday Celebration and Presentation: JCC Seniors. Birthday celebration for all with June birthdays. Cake and ice cream at 12:30 p.m., followed at 1 p.m. by presentation by Margaret Carney. Carney will discuss the role that dinnerware plays in our lives, as well as the history of the dinnerware we use every day.

Annual Meeting: TBE. Annual congregational meeting at 7:30 p.m., with refreshments at 7 p.m.

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Saturday 8

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50–9:30 a.m.

B'not Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

Saturday Morning Services: AARC. Interactive community service held at the JCC featuring singing, modern English readings alongside traditional prayers, and thought provoking Torah discussion led by rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia. For information, contact aura613@gmail.com or visit www.aarecon.org. 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Canoeing and Cocktails: TBE TNT. Argo Park. 1 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 9

Annual Meeting: JCC. Outgoing board members and volunteers will be honored, a new JCC Board of Directors will be elected, and committee chairs will present reports. Childcare and children's programming available with advance notice. RSVP by phone at 971-0990. 10 a.m.

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"Let My People Go" Exhibit: JCC of Metropolitan Detroit. Features the exclusive Midwest engagement of a collection of posters, photographs and film clips on loan from the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv, as well as portraits from Detroit's Russian-Jewish community, lectures, performances, a Russian Tea Room party and more. At the Janice Charach Gallery at the JCC of Metro Detroit. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m. *Through July 25.*

Mixology & Munchies with Marcie and Mary: BIC Women's League and Men's Club. 7 p.m.

Monday 10

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon on Mondays–Fridays and 1–3 p.m. on Mondays–Thursdays at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email andre@jfsannarbor.org. *Ongoing.*

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Family Fun Night and Bridging Ceremony: JCC ECC. The JCC Early Childhood Center will bid a fond farewell to its graduates with a special "bridging to kindergarten" ceremony at 5 p.m. and a carnival-like Family Fun Night at 6 p.m. RSVP to ECC director Peretz Hirshbein at ecc@jccfed.org or by phone at 971-0990.

Hebrew 103: TBE. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. Twice monthly evening of learning. Refreshments served. For information, contact Roger Stutesman by phone at 352-1170 or at rogerstutesman8707@comcast.net. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 13

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Saturday 15

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50–9:30 a.m.

T-Shirt Shabbat: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

Shabbat Lunch Potluck: TBE. Nichols Arboretum. 1–3 p.m.

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Women Cantors' Network Conference Event: TBE. *Sharing Our Stories in Song* event (with Kol Halev) associated with four-day conference. 8 p.m.

Monday 17

Summer Fun Days: JCC. Each day features a field trip or special activity, plus crafts, games, and gym time or outdoor recess. For campers in grades K-5. Students should bring nut-free, dairy lunch and appropriate clothing for outside play. $45 for JCC members; $65 for non-members. Participants may sign up for one or more days. 8 a.m.–4 p.m. with afternoon care available from 4-6 p.m. for an additional $10 fee. For information, contact Shannon Link at 971-0990 or email campdirector@jccfed.org. *Through June 21.*

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Annual Congregation Meeting: BIC. 7 p.m.

Women Cantors' Network Conference Event: TBE. *Beautiful Music for Cantors and Choirs* event, associated with four-day conference. 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 18

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Camp Raanana Open House: JCC. For families registered for this summer's Camp Raanana sessions. Tour the campsite, meet counselors and staff, and enjoy fun activities. Kosher hot dog or veggie dog dinner. Held at Camp Raanana's private beachfront site at Cedar Lake, 2500 Pierce Road in Chelsea. For information or to RSVP, contact camp director Shannon Link at 971-0990 or by email at campdirector@jccfed.org. 6–8 p.m.

Discover Jewry in Music with Louie Nagel: JCC. Enjoy appetizers and wine and learn firsthand from professor Louie Nagel about Jewish composers and their music, as well as about those who left their faith for a variety of reasons. Nagel will be using David Conway's monumental study, *Jewry in Music,* which covers history from the Renaissance composer Rossi to the era of Mendelssohn, Mahler and Meyerbeer. The evening, held at the JCC, will conclude with a piano piece played by Nagel, with dessert to follow. $15 for JCC members; $25 for non-members. For information or to RSVP, contact Karen Freedland at karenfreedland@jccfed.org or phone 971-0990. 6:30 p.m.

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B'nai Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

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June Hike: Jewish Hikers of Michigan. At U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. in Ann Arbor. For information, contact Eli Avny at 883-9522 or email jewish.hikers@gmail.com. 11 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Family Canoe Trip: JCC. Paddle up the Huron River to the Proud Lake Dam and return to Heavner Canoe Rental in Milford for an optional pizza dinner. No experience necessary. $50 (includes pizza) for family up to 4 people (2 adults and 2 children) or $30 without pizza. Additional person rate is $10 with pizza and $5 without pizza. For information or to register, contact Noreen DeYoung at noreendeyoung@jccfed.org or phone 971-0990. 1 p.m.

Art Opening Reception: JCC Amster Gallery. Opening reception for exhibit of the art of Mary Schuman. Schuman's paintings are focused around abstract images from nature, flowers and landscapes using primarily fluid acrylics applied with blending techniques and created on a variety of surfaces. The exhibit will run June 23–July 22 during regular JCC hours. RSVP for opening reception to Karen Freedland at karenfreedland@jccfed.org or by phone at 971-0990. 4–6 p.m.

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Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10 a.m.

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Barbeque and Barchu: BIC. 6 p.m.

Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service: BIC. 7 p.m.

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Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan and Member Appreciation: JCC. The Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan is part of a larger delegation of approximately 100 teenage scouts who travel to North America each summer to represent Israel. Using song, dance, and storytelling, the Israel Scouts celebrate Jewish heritage and bring

the sights and sounds of Israel to life. Optional pizza dinner at 6 p.m. for $5 per person. Dinner reservations at www.jccannarbor.org required by July 15. For information, contact Noreen DeYoung at noreendeyoung@jccfed.org or phone 971-0990. Scouts' performance at 7 p.m.

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Thursday, August 29, 8 PM

Chris Smither & Peter Mulvey
Saturday, September 14, 8 PM

California Guitar Trio
Sunday, September 22, 7:30 PM

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2013
Happily Ever Laughter Tour
Friday, October 4, 8 PM
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Friday, October 11, 8 PM

Dar Williams
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**Friday evening services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

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**Adult Bat Mitzvah Celebration: BIC Women's League.** 9:30 a.m.

**Shabbat services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

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**Presentation: JCC Seniors.** A registered nurse from Care Response provides free blood pressure checks at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday each month. Followed by a presentation at 1 p.m. on a topic TBD.

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## *Friday 9*

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## *Saturday 10*

**Tot Shabbat: BIC.** 11:15 a.m.

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Friday 16

Shabbat in the Park: BIC. County Farm Park at 6 p.m.

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August Hike: Jewish Hikers of Michigan. Location TBD. For information, contact Eli Avny at 883-9522 or email jewish.hikers@gmail.com. 11 a.m.– 1p.m.

Monday 19

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Summer Fun Days: JCC. Each day features a field trip or special activity, plus crafts, games, and gym time or outdoor recess. For campers in grades K-5. Students should bring nut-free, dairy lunch and appropriate clothing for outside play. $45 for JCC members; $65 for non-members. Participants may sign up for one or more days or save $25 for entire week. 8 a.m.–4 p.m. with afternoon care available from 4-6 p.m. for an additional $10 fee. Registration and payment due by August 2. For information, contact Shannon Link at 971-0990 or email campdirector@jccfed.org. *Through August 23.*

Tuesday 20

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Friday 23

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Fourth Friday Shabbat Service: AARC. Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services are open to all community members and led by rabbinic intern Aura Ahuvia. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. Childcare provided during services from 6:15–7:30 p.m. Reservations preferred, especially for pizza and childcare. Contact Jennifer Cohen at 445-1910 or via email at www.aarecon.org/contact-us. At the JCC from 6–10 p.m.

Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Barbeque and Barchu Dinner: BIC. 6 p.m.

Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat Service: BIC. 7 p.m.

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Saturday 24

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Pet Picnic: BIC. Noon.

Kickoff BBQ: AARC. End of summer BBQ to celebrate end of the season and to prepare for the new Jewish year. Bring something to grill and something to share. Children's soccer, capture the flag, and hide and seek. End of evening campfire with songs and s'mores. For information, call Jennifer Cohen at 445-1910 or via email at www.aarecon.org/contact-us. Bandemer Park from 4–9 p.m.

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Saturday 31

Selichot Study Session: TBE. Session at 8 p.m. Havdalah and reception at 9:30 p.m.

Selichot Services: BIC. 11 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Sukkat Shalom service at 6:30 p.m. for "tot grads," preceded by dinner. Shira at 6:30 p.m. Oneg for Tot and Sukkat Shalom families at 7 p.m. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candle-lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation. Learners' Service held first or second Saturday each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon. Discussion-based format with changing topics, focusing on historical, geographical, and political traditions of different parts of traditional service each month. Regular morning service generally held on the second or third Saturday each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon. Traditionally-based, with music plus a lengthy Torah discussion. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study with Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Delson and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call 662-5805 in advance.

Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad. Every Shabbat and Holiday. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Phone numbers and addresses of organizations frequently listed in the calendar:

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
P.O. Box 7451, Ann Arbor 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

Chabad House
715 Hill Street 995-3276

EMU Hillel
965 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti 482-0456

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990

Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872

Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. 761-5324

Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
2309 Packard Road 665-4744

UM Hillel
1429 Hill Street 769-0500

To stay afloat, shuls merging across denominational divide

By Ben Gittleson

(JTA)—The Jews of Corpus Christi knew a decade ago they had to act fast to save their two synagogues.With at most 1,000 Jews left in the Texas town and only 60 families making up its membership, the 60-year-old Conservative synagogue was in shaky financial shape. So in 2005, B'nai Israel Synagogue merged with Temple Beth El, a Reform shul, to form Congregation Beth Israel, combining customs and sharing sacred spaces to preserve Jewish life in an area that saw its heyday around World War II.

The combined synagogue, and a small but growing number of others like it, makes a concerted effort to be inclusive despite denominational differences in liturgy and theology. Friday night services are tailored to Reform-minded members, while Saturday morning is conducted in the more traditional Conservative style, according to Kenneth Roseman, Beth Israel's Reform-ordained rabbi.

Families marking a bar or bat mitzvah can choose which day and denomination they want for their celebration. Members even used furnishings from the old Conservative synagogue in a small chapel and put up some of the old building's stained glass in the new congregation's social hall. "It's not perfect," said Roseman, "but it works."

Across the country, scores of synagogues have overcome denominational differences to merge formally, share space or otherwise collaborate, often due to financial hardships wrought by shrinking Jewish populations. Shifting demographics and a challenging economic environment have led synagogues to consider remedies that previously were unthinkable, said Rabbi David Fine, the rabbinic director of the Union for Reform Judaism's small congregations network.

"Many congregations worked hard for years to distinguish themselves," Fine said. "It wasn't so much 'who are we' but 'who are we not?'-- looking at the other place across town. Now it's more 'what do we have in common?'" That kind of thinking was evident in the merger of the Reform Temple Beth El with Congregation Eilat, a Conservative synagogue in Southern California that was struggling with a significantly reduced membership. In 2010, the congregations merged formally with about 80 percent of Eilat's 120 families joining the 650-family Beth El. Eilat members were granted board positions, one of Beth El's kitchens was brought up to Conservative kosher standards and differences on issues such as music on Shabbat and patrilineal descent were followed in each denomination's services.

"It's all about a community that cared about itself, cared about each other and wanted to see a good thing happen."

Today, the congregation's three rabbis—two Reform and one Conservative—run educational programming for the congregation at large and, on the High Holidays, deliver sermons to both the Reform and Conservative services. "I think the success of it is measured by the fact that the lines are totally blurred now," Welland said. "We're one congregation; we're one community."

Some synagogues in financial straits have stopped one step short of a full merger, opting to share facilities revamped for the needs of communities with a range of practices and beliefs. In Canton, Ohio, Jewish leaders worried about a declining population sold the Reform Temple Israel and put the local Jewish community center facility on the market, according to Ed Buxbaum, CEO of the Canton Jewish Community Federation and a former president of the Reform synagogue. Last year, Temple Israel and the federation, which had been housed at the JCC, moved into the last remaining synagogue in town, a Conservative congregation, which renovated its building to meet the needs of all three.

The institutions now split the bills equally and hold equal shares of a nonprofit corporation set up to oversee the facility.

"It was not easy. It's very difficult for people who have worshiped in a single facility for 55 years and whose families have had all their lifecycle services and everything" there, Buxbaum said. "Change is difficult."

Both Canton and Corpus Christi have received inquiries from other communities contemplating similar moves. Corpus Christi has even produced a monograph detailing its merger. But not all such collaborations have resulted from declining demographics.

After Hurricane Katrina dumped 10 feet of water on New Orleans' Congregation Beth Israel, the Modern Orthodox congregation found refuge in a nearby Reform temple that had escaped the worst of the storm. Beth Israel shared a building with Congregation Gates of Prayer for several years before moving out—to a building constructed next door on land purchased from the Reform synagogue. The congregations still share a playground.

"It's all about relationships," said Uri Topolosky, Beth Israel's rabbi. "It's all about a community that cared about itself, cared about each other and wanted to see a good thing happen." ■

Shabbat Candlelighting

June 7	7:47 p.m.
June 14	7:50 p.m.
June 21	7:53 p.m.
June 28	7:53 p.m.
July 5	7:52 p.m.
July 12	7:49 p.m.
July 19	7:44 p.m.
July 26	7:38 p.m.
August 2	7:30 p.m.
August 9	7:21 p.m.
August 16	7:11 p.m.
August 23	7:01 p.m.
August 30	6:49 p.m.

Vitals

Mazel tov

Eddie Newland and Alex Eisman, on their b'nai mitzvah, June 1.
Avi Weingarten on his bar mitzvah, June 1.
Bess Markel and Grace Kaufer, on their b'not mitzvah, June 8.
Max Schmidt and Jacob Berger, on their b'nai mitzvah, June 15.
Benjamin Chosid and Isaac Agranoff, on their b'nai mitzvah, June 22.
Samuel Galler on his bar mitzvah, June 29.
Jack Harris on his bar mitzvah, August 10.
Gabriela Levy on her bat mitzvah, August 17.
Joshua Bradin on his bar mitzvah, August 24.
Beth and Jeff Wilensky on the birth of their daughter, Estelle.
Liz and Enoch Brater on the birth of their grandson, Ezekiel Harris Silsby, son of Christopher Silsby and Jessica Silsby Brater.
Michael and Dina Pedersen on the birth of their daughter, Niva Ella.
Pat and Errol Soskolne on the engagement of their son, Mark Soskolne, to Julie Moehlig.

Condolences

Deena Jones on the death of her mother, Mildred Simon , April 19.
Judith Shapiro on the death of her father, Norman Shapiro, April 13.
Ira Levy on the death of his mother, Florence Karlin, May 13.
Laurel Hern on the death of her mother, Virginia Lang, May 20.
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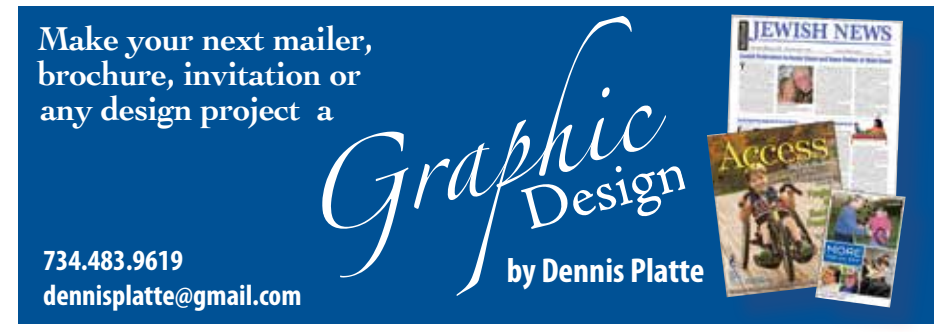

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